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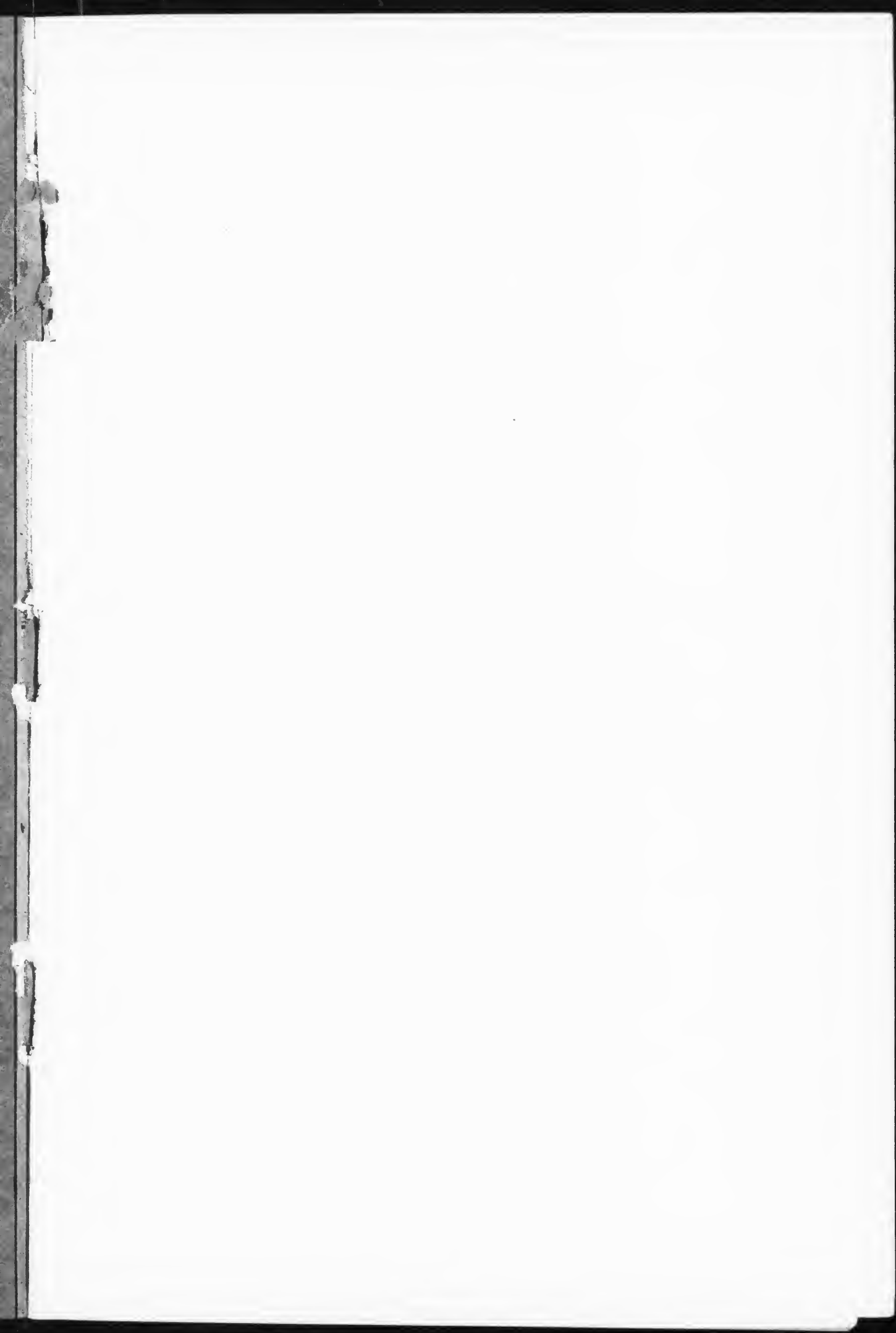
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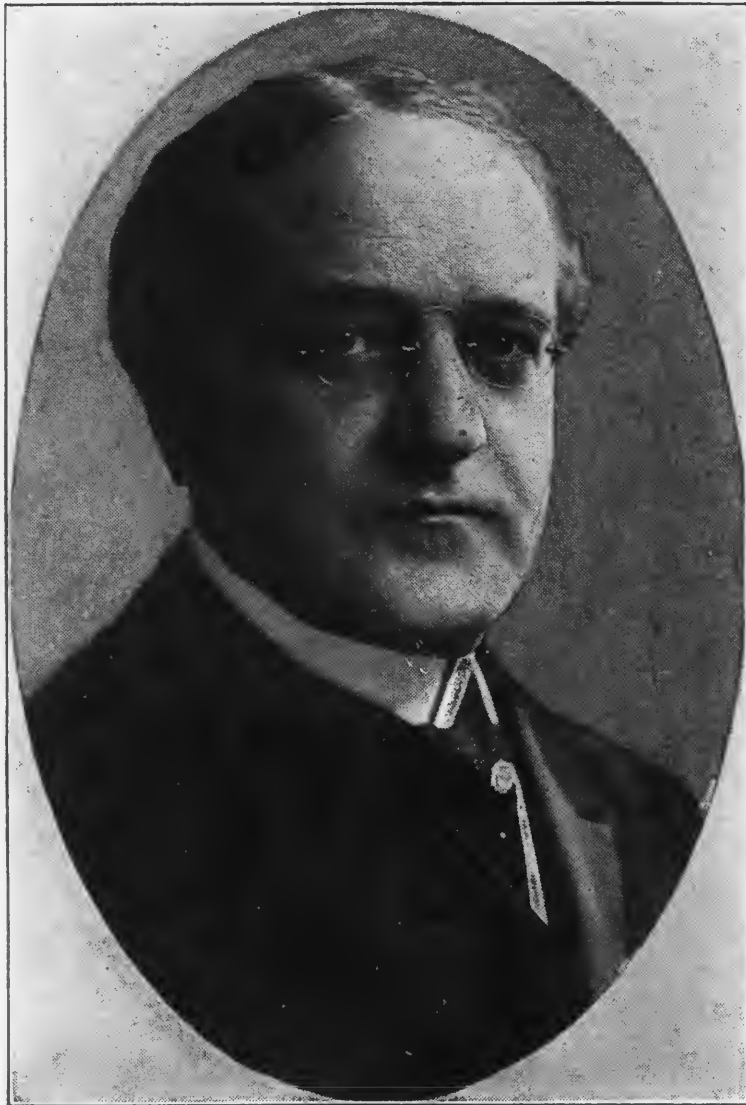
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1. **Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirement of the Discipline?**

Yes.

2. **Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?**

C. S. Lyles, Des Moines; L. J. Sheldon, North Indiana; J. H. Spencer, Detroit; G. W. Roberts, North Dakota, Eugene Allen, North Indiana.

3. **Who have been readmitted?**

None.

4. **Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?**

H. D. Gough received as full member and recognized as deacon from the Christian church.

Grant B. Wilder from Congregational church as full member, recognized as elder.

F. W. Stoll from Northern Christian Conference recognized as local elder.

5. **Who have been received on trial?**

(a) In studies of first year.

E. I. Prosser, Karl R. Mansveld, Conway Boatman, G. A. Trodie.

(b) In studies of third year.

None.

6. **Who have been continued on trial?**

(a) In studies of first year.

Arthur G. Campbell, Leslie Davis, Olin M. Rifenbark, C. M. Weirauch.

(b) In studies of second year.

Clinton D. Arms, Criss C. Hanson, John W. Hartley, Marion L. Sunderlin, Albert L. Olson, Harry D. Clark, William M. Allen, William S. Rowden, Edward B. Cooney, Charles W. Langdon.

(c) In studies of third year.

None.

(d) In studies of fourth year.

W. H. Evans.

7. **Who have been discontinued?**

Evan F. Lovett.

8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year.
Harry B. Nash, Lloyd H. Rising.
 - (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously.
Samuel B. Lowrie.
9. **What members are in studies of third year?**
 - (a) admitted into full membership this year.
Harry B. Nash, Lloyd H. Rising.
 - (b) Admitted into full membership previously.
Nels A. Christensen, J. H. Spencer, George H. Book, Charles E. McDonald, Benjamin F. Stiles.
10. **What members are in studies of fourth year?**
Leroy W. Darling, Samuel W. Marble, Henry C. Alley, Perley H. Weston.
11. **What members have completed the Conference course of study?**
 - (a) Elected and ordained elders this year.
Samuel B. Lowrie, Charles B. Dennison, Orin P. Jackson, Frank Tanner, Anthony L. Wilson, John D. Evans (not ordained), Arthur H. Beardsley (not ordained.)
 - (b) Elected and ordained elders previously.
None.
12. **What others have been elected and ordained deacons?**
 - (a) As local preachers.
John R. Krins.
 - (b) Under missionary rule.
None.
 - (c) Under seminary rule.
William H. Evans (not ordained).
13. **What others have been elected and ordained elders?**
 - (a) As local deacons.
None.
 - (b) Under missionary rule.
None.
 - (c) Under seminary rule.
None.
14. **Was the character of each preacher examined?**
Yes.
15. **Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?**
J. E. Crowther, Puget Sound; B. W. McEldowney, Des Moines; J. W. Potter, North Indiana; W. G. Seaman, North Indiana.
16. **Who have died?**
None.
17. **Who have been located at their own request?**
None.
18. **Who have been located?**
W. J. Waltz.

19. Who have withdrawn?
John L. Walsh, Peter V. Brethorst.
20. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?
John M. Tibbetts, Percy Kenderdine.
21. Who have been expelled?
None.
22. What other personal notation should be made?
B. I. Hubbard, a member in studies of second year.
H. D. Gough, a member in studies of first year.
Scott P. Houser, probationer, graduated from course of study last year.
23. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?
E. A. Bennett (1), John D. Evans (4), W. A. Greene (3), E. E. Holmes (1), P. J. Lawson (1), J. E. Norvell (5), J. R. Payne (1), E. E. Saxton (1), C. M. Stebbins (4), B. F. Stiles (2).
24. Who are the retired ministers?
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25. Who are the triers of appeals?
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26. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?
\$7,525.
27. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?
\$12,165.
28. What is the Statistical Report?
See the Statistician's Report.
29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?
See the Conference Treasurer's report.
30. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$57,540.
31. What are the claims on the Conference fund?
\$12,592.
32. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?
\$8,823. See report of Conference stewards.
33. What is the Five Per Cent of the amount raised for the support of Conference claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for connectional relief?
\$241.

34. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference claimants?
\$7,155.
35. Where are the preachers stationed?
See list of appointments.
36. Where shall the next Conference be held?
Pierre, S. D.

Appointments

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

2—Pierce O. Bunt, District Superintendent, Aberdeen, S. D.

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| 5—Aberdeen, O. W. Taylor. | 2—Groton, C. B. Harrold. |
| 2—Agar, C. D. Arms. | 5—Hecla, F. B. Dunn. |
| 3—Andover, L. L. Layne. | 1—Langford (R. W. Plannette). |
| 1—Ashton, F. C. Page. | 1—Leola (Edward Whiteside). |
| 3—Bath and Putney (R. E. Rich). | 1—Mellette, M. T. Habgood. |
| 1—Bigstone City, J. M. Hunter. | 1—Milbank, A. E. Buriff. |
| 1—Bowdle (George V. Gray). | 1—Northville, J. F. Franklin. |
| 2—Bristol, A. M. Lott. | 2—Redfield, Albert Hartt. |
| 4—Britton, A. C. MacLean. | 1—Rockham, J. E. McKinney. |
| 3—Claremont (J. R. Krins). | 3—Selby, H. D. Gough. |
| 4—Conde, J. S. Ellis. | 2—Seneca (W. C. Strong). |
| 1—Corona and Twin Brooks, J. D. Stevens. | 2—Sisseton, J. H. Ebert. |
| 1—Cresbard, L. J. Sheldon. | 2—Timberlake, Lemmon and Cheney, J. N. Oakley. |
| 2—De Voe, George H. Book. | 2—Waubay and Summit (Arthur Rinearson). |
| 2—Doland, R. C. Shearer. | 1—Webster, C. C. Boslaugh. |
| 6—Faulkton, C. E. Wilcox. | 1—Westport (J. R. Sweeney). |
| 1—Frankfort, H. B. Nash. | 1—White Rock (E. B. Parrott). |
| 2—Frederick, Ernest Redmayne. | |
| 1—Gettysburg, W. T. Loomis. | |

MITCHELL DISTRICT

1—J. S. Harkness, District Superintendent, Mitchell, S. D.

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| 2—Alexandria, T. S. Bassett. | 2—Iona and Hamill (E. E. Hatfield). |
| 3—Alpena, R. B. Hughes. | 1—Kimball, John Kaye. |
| 1—Armour, L. W. Darling. | 2—Lakeview Circuit, J. T. Gurney (P. O. McNeely). |
| 1—Artesian, W. E. Gale. | 1—Lane, S. F. Spitz. |
| Bard, to be supplied. | 2—Letcher (W. N. Potter). |
| 2—Bridgewater, Myron Redfield. | 9—Mitchell, J. S. Hoagland. |
| 2—Chamberlain, A. J. Hoyer. | Mitchell, Assistant to be supplied. |
| 2—Dallas and Colome, A. L. Wilson. | 4—Mt. Vernon, W. T. Ferguson. |
| 1—Ethan, F. L. Bromaghim. | 1—Paxton Circuit (D. A. Savage). |
| Farmer, to be supplied. | 4—Plankinton, O. M. Hyde. |
| 1—Farwell (W. C. Leake). | 3—Platte, Paul Gardner. |
| 1—Fulton (E. W. Burch). | 1—Roswell, H. C. Alley. |
| 1—Geddes, C. S. Lyles. | 2—Springfield, J. W. Lucas. |
| 3—Gregory (H. C. Seastrand). | 7—Tripp, W. O. Redfield. |
| 1—Herrick and St. Charles, W. J. Douglass. | 5—Tyndall, S. H. Shurtleff. |

- 3—Virgil and Wolsey, Lloyd H. Rising.
- 1—Wagner, to be supplied.
- 1—Wessington Springs, G. D. Brown.

- 1—White Lake, G. D. Egner.
- 1—Winner (T. C. Coombs).
- 2—Woonsocket, T. B. Wilber.

RAPID CITY DISTRICT

4—C. E. Matteson, District Superintendent, Rapid City, S. D.

- 2—Belle Fourche (J. C. Baker).
- 2—Caputa and Fairburn, P. H. Weston.
- 1—Custer, J. H. Spencer.
- 1—Deadwood, E. E. Vernon.
- 3—Draper, B. I. Hubbard.
- 1—Edgemont, E. J. Fish.
- 1—Harding, A. G. Campbell.
- 1—Hot Springs, A. L. Olson.
- Kadoka, to be supplied.
- 4—Kennebec, C. E. Hager.
- 2—Lead, W. J. Calfee.
- 3—Midland, C. M. Weirauch.
- 3—Murdo, H. W. Bunton.
- 1—Newell, C. E. Cadle.
- 1—Nowlin and Capa, John Wilson.

- 2—Oelrichs, C. O. Biggar.
- 3—Oral, L. F. Gillespie.
- 2—Philip, R. J. Elling.
- 1—Piedmont, G. T. Matthews.
- 5—Plainview, J. W. Hartley.
- 1—Presho and Vivian (H. L. Williams).
- 1—Rapid City, F. E. Morrison.
- 1—Reliance, A. T. McFarland.
- 1—Spearfish, H. L. Case.
- 1—Sturgis (A. W. Ownby).
- Sturgis Circuit, to be supplied.
- Terry, to be supplied.
- 1—Quinn and Wall (S. E. Cadle).
- Weta, to be supplied.
- Whitewood, to be supplied.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

5—G. W. Rosenberry, District Superintendent, Sioux Falls, S. D.

- 1—Alcester (Ernest Spry).
- 4—Beresford, J. B. Dibble.
- 1—Canistota, O. P. Jackson.
- 4—Canton, A. W. Thurston.
- 2—Centerville (Fred Wilcox).
- 4—Chester, Frank Tanner.
- 2—Colman (Guy Wilkinson).
- 1—Colton, O. M. Rifenbark.
- 1—Davis, N. P. Johnston.
- 2—Dell Rapids, W. A. Black.
- 2—Egan, N. A. Christensen.
- 2—Elk Point, G. N. Gage.
- 2—Flandreau, W. N. Deller.
- 22—Flandreau Circuit (D. C. Arms).
- 1—Garretson, I. P. Potter.
- 4—Gayville, H. E. Rice.
- 1—Harrisburg (L. F. Brown).
- 4—Hartford, C. H. Graf.
- 1—Howard, L. A. McDonald.
- 2—Hudson (R. P. Harmon).

- 3—Hurley, W. P. Slocum.
- 2—Irene, S. B. Lowrie.
- 1—Junius (Henry Sude).
- 1—Lennox and Ellis (A. A. Bichell).
- 1—Madison, H. W. Minish.
- 2—Montrose, C. E. McDonald.
- 2—Parker, Nels Fanebust.
- 1—Pioneer and Mt. Zion, W. S. Rowden.
- Richland, to be supplied.
- 2—Salem, F. H. Ray.
- 1—Scotland, C. W. Langdon.
- Sioux Falls—
- 1—First Church, Eugene Allen.
- 2—East Side, S. E. Brown.
- 1—Valley Springs, O. M. Freeman.
- 2—Vermilion, W. N. Graves.
- 1—Wakonda, Grant B. Wilder.
- 3—Yankton, H. P. Eberhart.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

1—W. S. Shepherd, District Superintendent, Watertown, S. D.

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| 1—Arlington, J. H. Kearton. | 5—Florence (D. G. Radcliffe). |
| 1—Aurora and Trenton (F. W. Stoll). | 1—Garden City, T. H. Trevithick. |
| 2—Blunt and Harrold, G. A. Trodie. | 1—Gary, Harry Lee. |
| 1—Bradley, W. M. Allen. | 3—Hazel and Thomas, H. G. Ozanne. |
| 1—Broadland, W. J. Stevenson. | 2—Henry, O. E. Machemer. |
| 1—Brookings, I. M. Hargett. | 1—Highmore, S. W. Marble. |
| 1—Bruce (Paul Dibble). | 1—Hitchcock, A. E. Hocking. |
| 3—Burdette and Carleton, H. D. Clark. | 1—Huron, Orien E. Boyce. |
| 1—Carpenter (C. D. Walters). | 1—Iroquois, R. G. Minkler. |
| 1—Castlewood (Chas. Gilbert). | Kampeska, to be supplied. |
| 1—Cavour and Pearl Creek, E. I. Prosser. | 1—Lake Preston, Fred Rawlinson. |
| 1—Chapelle Circuit (Arthur Mayer). | 1—Miller, R. E. Tarleton. |
| 4—Clark, O. W. Butterfield. | 1—Okobojo, John Wood. |
| 1—Clear Lake, C. Boatman. | 1—Oldham, C. B. Dennison. |
| 1—DeSmet, G. W. Roberts. | 2—Pierre, J. A. Edwards. |
| Elkton, to be supplied. | 1—St. Lawrence (G. W. Quayle). |
| 2—Esmond, K. G. Mansveld. | 1—Tulare, C. C. Hanson. |
| | 5—Watertown, F. F. Lewis. |
| | 2—Wessington, E. B. Cooney. |
| | White, to be supplied. |

Special Appointments

J. O. Dobson, field secretary, Cornell College; G. T. Notson, executive secretary, South Dakota Methodist Hospital; E. E. Hunt, assistant superintendent, Anti-Saloon League; P. H. McBeth, assistant superintendent, Iowa Anti-Saloon League; J. P. Jenkins, jubilee secretary Board of Education; C. V. Gilliland, professor Dakota Wesleyan University; Samuel Weir, professor Simpson College; members of the Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

A. P. Janes, chaplain Battle Mountain National Sanitarium; H. L. Case, conference evangelist; members of Hot Springs Quarterly Conference.

J. T. B. Smith, editor publications and *Veteran Preacher*, member Mitchell Quarterly Conference; Scott P. Hauser, missionary to Chile, member of Aberdeen Quarterly Conference; R. A. Bruce, executive secretary Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, member Brookings Quarterly Conference; Martin Thomas, Utah Mission.

W. E. Hartung, financial agent Methodist Deaconess Hospital, member Rapid City Quarterly Conference.

Leslie Davis, Thomas Davies, W. H. Evans, M. L. Sunderlin, A. H. Beardsley, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

M. E. Nickerson, leave of absence.

L. L. Lane, Conference Evangelist, member Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, September 27, 1916.

The thirty-second session of the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Watertown, S. D., September 27, 1916, Bishop Charles Bayard Mitchell, D.D., LL.D., presiding. The Conference united in singing Hymn No. 1. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents, and the Bishop addressed the Conference.

Roll Call—The secretary of the last Conference called the roll and ninety-three members and ten probationers responded to their names.

Organization—On motion of G. W. Rosenberry, G. D. Brown was re-elected secretary, and on his nomination, I. M. Hargett, H. P. Eberhart and F. E. Morrison were elected assistant secretaries.

On motion of S. E. Brown, C. B. Harrold was re-elected statistical secretary and on his nomination, F. C. Page, H. W. Bunton, S. W. Marble, A. L. Olson and W. P. Slocum were elected assistant statisticians.

On motion of P. O. Bunt, J. M. Hunter was re-elected treasurer and on his nomination, N. A. Christensen, W. N. Deller, O. M. Hyde, H. E. Rice, E. E. Vernon and R. E. Rich were elected assistant treasurers.

J. M. Hunter was authorized to handle the Conference funds.

Postmaster—A. L. Wilson was elected postmaster.

Reporter—On motion of C. E. Matteson, J. T. Gurney was elected reporter to the daily papers and to the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*.

On nomination of E. E. Hunt, C. E. Wilcox and L. W. Darling were elected assistant railroad secretaries.

Time of Meeting—The time of meeting was fixed at 8:15 A. M., and the time for adjournment at 12 M.

Conference Bar—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first seven rows of pews.

On motion of T. S. Bassett a statistical session was called for 1:30 P. M.

Greetings—The secretary read a telegram of greetings from Bishop Thomas Nicholson.

On motion of G. T. Notson, Bishop Nicholson was elected by a unanimous vote, an honorary member of this Conference.

On motion of T. B. Wilbur, the secretary was instructed to send return greetings to Bishop Nicholson, and inform him of the action of the Conference in making him an honorary member.

Introductions—The Rev. J. A. Mulfinger, Associate Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants and the Rev. C. E. Kline, representing the Church Temperance Society were introduced and they addressed the Conference.

On motion of W. O. Redfield, the secretary was instructed to send a resolution of sympathy to Dr. J. B. Hingeley, who is in deep sorrow over the death of his son.

Question Fourteen—Was the character of each preacher examined, was taken up. P. O. Bunt, W. S. Shepherd, C. E. Matteson, G. W. Rosenberry and O. E. Boyce, district superintendents were called, passed in character and they read their reports.

Drafts—The bishop announced drafts from the John C. Rose fund of \$34.48, and from the Book Concern of \$2,246.00, and they were turned over to the treasurer.

A report from the Book Committee was read by the secretary.

G. N. Gage was elected agent for the *Methodist Review*.

On motion of G. T. Notson all candidates for reception on trial and for admission into full membership, and all members desiring change of Conference relation shall appear before the Conference Relations Committee.

On motion of G. D. Brown it was ordered that all reports be typewritten on regular size typewriter paper, and that the standing committee reports be furnished in duplicate.

On motion of G. T. Notson the memorial service was made the order of the day, following the reading of the minutes Thursday.

The bishop appointed J. S. Hoagland to preside at the statistical session.

Committees were called, announcements were made and the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, September 27, 1916.

J. S. Hoagland called the Conference to order at 1:30 P. M. "A Charge To Keep I Have" was sung and J. S. Harkness led in prayer.

The pastors' reports were gathered.

On motion of G. T. Notson the committee on resolutions were requested to incorporate in their report a resolution of appreciation for the courtesy the railroads extended to the pastors of Rapid City District.

On motion of J. M. Hunter, and after full discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

1. That the basis of payment for the publication of the Conference minutes be, for the year 1916-17, 25 cents per \$100, or major fraction thereof of the salaries of the pastors and district superintendents exclusive of house rent.

2. That wherever practicable, this item be included in the local church budget as a part of the necessary church expense.

3. That this item be incorporated in the pastors' report to the Conference treasurer, and be considered as much an obligation as any other item of the report.

On motion of I. M. Hargett, the deficit on the minutes of 1915 was authorized added to the amount to be collected for the minutes of 1916 and prorated on the same basis.

On motion of W. A. Black, the committee on resolutions was requested to prepare a suitable resolution in memory of the late Bishop Luccock. Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, September 28, 1916.

Conference convened at 8:15 A. M., Thursday, September 28, 1916. Hymn No. 388 was sung and I. M. Hargett led in prayer. The bishop addressed the Conference on "The Preacher as a Man."

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Memorial Service—The memorial services were in charge of G. T. Notson. Hymn No. 332 was sung and G. D. Brown led in prayer. Memorials were read by the following: J. S. Harkness for Mrs. F. L. Bromaghim, G. T. Notson for Mrs. L. A. McDonald and Mrs. W. H. Cory, and P. O. Bunt for Mrs. Ernest Redmayne. G. T. Notson announced the death of Mrs. Eddy T. Underwood, the wife of a former pastor of this Conference. The service closed with prayer by the Bishop.

Moved by G. T. Notson that the memoirs read appear in the printed minutes, and the motion prevailed.

On motion of G. T. Notson, it was ordered that the memoirs hereafter be printed in advance by the committee on memoirs and placed in the hands of the Conference at the memorial service, and that an address be given by some member of the Conference upon that occasion.

Question Fourteen was resumed. The effective elders of the Conference were called, all but two, J. M. Tibbetts and Percy Kenderdine, were passed in character, and those present gave their reports.

J. M. Tibbetts and Percy Kenderdine surrendered their parchments and were allowed to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Greetings—Letters of greetings from J. E. Crowther and A. P. James were read by the secretary.

The members under special appointment were called and passed in character.

The secretary announced that Thomas Davies, who was elected to elder's orders at the Conference session of 1914 was ordained by Bishop Leete at the seat of the Kentucky Conference, Covington, Ky., September 5, 1915.

On motion of C. E. Matteson, W. E. Hartung was changed from the supernumerary relation to the effective relation.

On motion of J. S. Hoagland, the hour for the bishop's address to the class for admission to the Conference was fixed at 11:00 A. M. Friday.

The following committee to consider the case of W. J. Waltz with a view to his location was appointed by the Bishop: S. E. Brown, C. E. Hager, T. S. Bassett, Lawrence L. Layne and R. C. Shearer.

Question Twenty-four—Who are the retired preachers, was taken up. D. W. Chamberlain, C. B. Clark, G. J. Corwin, E. E. Dean, W. D. Decble, W. I. Graham, W. O. Gram, J. G. Hall, Lewis Hartsough, A. Jamison, A. S. Loveall, O. A. Phillips, R. C. McReynolds, T. Simmons, A. E. Tanner,

J. A. Willey, T. H. Youngman, H. I. Farr, were passed in character and continued in the same relation.

Letters of greeting were read from several of these brethren and Thomas Simmons being present, addressed the Conference.

On motion of A. E. Carhart a vote of thanks was extended to W. I. Graham for the surrender of his claim on the Conference Claimants fund this year.

Presentation—On behalf of the pastors of the Watertown District, R. A. Bruce with a few well-chosen words, presented to Mrs. O. E. Boyce a beautiful bouquet of roses and to O. E. Boyce a gift of gold.

Question Thirty-six—Where shall the next Conference be held, was taken up. Invitations from Brookings and Pierre were extended. The vote was taken and Brookings received thirty-five votes and Pierre sixty-three.

On motion of R. A. Bruce the choice of Pierre as the next place of meeting was made unanimous.

On motion of R. G. Minkler, J. H. Ebert was substituted for J. W. Potter on the Deaconess Board of Nine.

On motion of R. E. Tarleton, the following committee on courtesy of the floor was appointed by the Bishop, R. E. Tarleton, O. W. Butterfield and J. S. Hoagland.

On motion of R. A. Bruce, Eugene Allen was substituted for J. W. Potter on the committee on evangelism.

H. B. Nash and E. J. Fish were substituted for Ernest Redmayne and E. F. Lovett on the committee on auditing district superintendents' accounts. Committees were called.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY

Friday, September 29, 1916.

Opening—Conference convened at 8:15 A. M. Friday, September 29, 1916, Bishop Mitchell presiding. Hymn No. 551 was sung and G. W. Rosenberry led in prayer. The Bishop addressed the Conference on "The Man As a Preacher."

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Special Committees—R. E. Tarleton, J. B. Dibble, W. T. Ferguson, H. W. Minish, L. L. Layne, were elected a committee to report on the status of the cases of J. M. Tibbetts and Percy Kenderdine.

To this committee was also committed the case of F. M. Faith.

Question Four—Who have been received on credentials and from what churches, was taken up. H. D. Gough was received from the Christian church, his orders recognized as a deacon, was admitted on trial, placed in the studies of the first year and required to pass examination in Doctrine and Discipline and Life of John Wesley.

F. W. Stoll was received from the Northern Christian Conference of Ohio and recognized as a Local Elder.

Question Five—Who have been received on trial, was taken up. E. I. Prosser, Karl R. Mansveld, Conway Boatman and G. A. Trodie were intro-

duced to the Conference, received on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

Question Six—Who have been continued on trial, was taken up. Arthur G. Campbell, Leslie Davis, Olin M. Rifenbark, C. M. Weirauch were continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

Clinton D. Arms, Edward B. Cooney, Charles W. Langdon, William M. Allen, Harry D. Clark, Criss C. Hanson, Albert Olson and William S. Rowden were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

John W. Hartley and Marion L. Sunderlin were continued on trial in the studies of the second year.

William H. Evans was continued on trial in the studies of the fourth year, credited with his studies and elected to deacon's orders under the seminary rule to be ordained elsewhere.

B. I. Hubbard, a member in the studies of the first year was advanced to the studies of the second year.

Question Seven—Who have been discontinued, was taken up. Evan F. Lovett was discontinued at his own request.

Question Eight—Who have been admitted into full membership, was taken up, Harry B. Nash and Lloyd H. Rising were admitted to full membership, elected to deacon's orders and advanced to the studies of the third year.

S. B. Lowrie was admitted to full membership, was graduated from the course of study and elected to elder's orders.

Question Nine—What members are in the studies of the third year, was taken up. J. H. Spencer, an undergraduate in the studies of the third year was announced transferred from the Detroit Conference.

Nels A. Christensen, George H. Book and Charles E. McDonald were continued in the studies of the third year.

Henry C. Alley and Samuel W. Marble, were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Question Ten—What members are in the studies of the fourth year, was taken up.

Leroy W. Darling, Perley H. Weston and Anthony L. Wilson were continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Question Eleven—What members have completed the Conference course of study, was taken up. Arthur H. Beardsley and John D. Evans were graduated from the Conference course of study and elected to elder's orders to be ordained elsewhere.

Charles B. Dennison, Orrin P. Jackson and Frank Tanner were graduated from the course of study and elected to elder's orders.

John L. Walsh and Peter V. Brethorst were permitted to withdraw from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church at their own request.

Question Twelve—What others have been elected and ordained deacons, was taken up.

J. R. Krins was elected to local deacon's orders.

Bishop's Address—Henry B. Nash, Lloyd H. Rising, and S. B. Lowrie were called forward, answered the disciplinary questions, were addressed by the Bishop and received into the Conference.

Introductions—F. M. Rule, representing the Woman's College, Jacksonville, Ill., Dr. Eugene Allen, the Rev. J. L. Sheldon, the Rev. J. H. Spencer, Mrs. W. P. Eveland, widow of the late Bishop Eveland, Miss White, returned missionary from Japan, and Dr. Plannett of the Detroit Conference were introduced to the Conference.

Committees were called, announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY

September 30, 1916.

Opening—The Conference convened at 8:15 with Bishop Mitchell in the chair. A hymn was sung and F. W. Stoll led in prayer.

The Bishop addressed the Conference on "The Preacher as a Pastor."

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Question Twenty—Was taken up. The report of the special committee of five was read as follows:

Your committee appointed to consider the cases of J. M. Tibbetts, Percy Kenderdine and F. M. Faith, recommend:

1. That the withdrawal of J. M. Tibbetts be accepted and the secretary of the Conference be instructed to record after his name "withdrawn under complaints," in accordance with par. 269 of the discipline.

2. That the withdrawal of Percy Kenderdine be accepted and that the secretary be instructed to record after his name "withdrawn under complaints," as above.

3. That in the case of F. M. Faith the secretary is instructed to notify F. M. Faith that the Conference requests him to locate.

Each case was put before the Conference separately and the recommendations adopted.

Question Twenty-three—Who are the supernumerary preachers, was taken up. J. D. Evans, W. A. Greene, J. E. Norvell, B. F. Stiles, were continued in the supernumerary relation.

C. M. Stebbins was continued in the supernumerary relation with the request to locate next year.

E. E. Saxton, E. E. Holmes, A. E. Bennett, P. J. Lawson and J. R. Payne were granted the supernumerary relation.

G. H. Book, W. J. Douglass and W. E. Gale were granted the effective relation.

On motion of W. S. Shepherd, the secretary was instructed to send a message of sympathy and love to W. A. Greene, who is seriously ill.

The Conference authorized W. J. Calfee to send a message of greeting to our soldier boys on the border.

Question Twenty-four—Was resumed. A. E. Carhart was granted the retired relation at his own request.

Question Twenty-five—Who are the triers of appeals, was taken up. The following named were appointed, C. E. Hager, J. S. Ellis, T. S. Bassett, J. B. Dibble, R. A. Bruce, W. T. Ferguson, W. P. Slocum.

Transfers—The Bishop announced the following transfers: C. S. Lyles from the Des Moines, L. J. Sheldon from the North Indiana, J.

A. Spencer from the Detroit, G. W. Roberts from the North Dakota and Eugene Allen from the North Indiana. J. W. Potter to the North Indiana, B. W. McEldowney to the Des Moines, J. E. Crowther to the Puget Sound, and W. G. Seaman to the North Indiana Conferences.

Question Four—Who have been received on their credentials and from what churches, was taken up. Grant B. Wilder was received on his credentials from the congregational church as a full member and recognized as an elder.

Finance Commission—On motion of J. S. Harkness, the commission on finance as provided for in Par. 328 of the Discipline was ordered and the following members elected as said commission: Aberdeen District: Albert Hartt, U. G. Johnson, G. L. Kemp; Mitchell District, J. S. Hoagland, C. V. Fox and C. S. Bobb; Rapid City District, C. E. Hager, F. W. Minty, Fred Kratz; Sioux Falls District, A. W. Thurston, L. R. Brown, B. F. Meyers; Watertown District, J. A. Edwards, J. M. Johnston, G. F. Knappen, and it was further ordered that this commission shall take the place of the Board of Stewards as provided for in the Discipline in Par. 328.

The secretary of the cabinet read the nominations for the Conference boards and standing committees, and they were elected.

The following reports were read and adopted: On the Methodist State Hospital, on Methodist Deaconess Hospital, on the Dakota Deaconess Hospital, on education, on evangelism, on resolution, on temperance, on Woman's Home Missions, on Epworth League, on Deaconess Board of Nine.

On motion of R. G. Minkler, the following were elected on the Deaconess Board: Class of 1919, H. G. Ozanne, J. H. Ebert, J. A. Edwards.

The following trustees of the Methodist State Hospital were elected: For three years, Lewis Shuster, P. O. Bunt, W. H. Klaus, C. E. Matteson.

On motion of M. E. Nickerson, the Conference requested the continuance of a financial agent for the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund.

Question Eleven—Was resumed. A. L. Wilson was graduated from the Conference course of study and elected to elder's orders.

On motion of O. E. Boyce the Conference authorized the secretary to edit the reports before printing them in the minutes.

On the request of the Board of Examiners the Bishop appointed H. W. Minish as a member of the board.

On motion of C. V. Gilliland, the following were elected members of the board of directors of Dakota Wesleyan University: Bishop Mitchell, member ex officio; class of '20, Ethan Colton, H. D. Butterfield, Lewis Shuster, Nathan Noble, S. H. Scallin, G. W. Rosenberry, I. W. Seaman, J. T. Morrow, F. S. Brown.

Watertown Memorial—On motion of O. E. Boyce, the memorial from the Watertown District on mortuary benefit as published on page 61 Dakota Conference Minutes of 1915 was adopted.

Dr. J. S. Hoagland, on behalf of the pastors of the Mitchell District, in a few well-chosen words presented Dr. W. S. Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd with a purse of gold.

On motion of J. S. Hoagland the Conference voted to hold a session of the Conference at 4 o'clock.

P. O. Bunt announced the sale of the church on Fairmont charge for \$350, and the Conference permitted the payment of this sum on the debt of the Selby church.

On motion of O. E. Boyce the Conference authorized the exchange of our church property at Vienna for the Congregational church property at Iroquois.

On motion of C. E. Matteson the \$18 remaining in the hands of the District Superintendent of the Rapid City District from the sale of the remains of the sod church be expended by him in the payment of the account against the said sod church.

Legal Session—On motion of G. T. Notson the Conference convened in legal session.

The following Conference trustees were elected by ballot: A. E. Carhart and J. S. Harkness for three years and R. A. Bruce in place of W. S. Shepherd for one year.

The legal session adjourned.

The missionary appropriations for the districts were read and approved.

Introductions—A. C. Brackett, Upper Iowa Conference, David J. Perlin, assistant superintendent of the Congregational Church for South Dakota, were introduced to the Conference.

Mrs. Thomas Simmons, president of the state Woman's Christian Temperance Union was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Committees were called, announcements made and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Saturday, September 30, 1916.

The Conference convened at 4 P. M. with Bishop Mitchell in the chair. After singing a hymn, S. E. Brown led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Stewards was read and approved.

Dr. Rule of the Minnesota Conference was introduced and he addressed the Conference in the interests of the Illinois Woman's College.

The Board of Stewards was authorized to withhold \$50 from the amount granted by the Conference to A. E. Tanner and apply the same on a delinquent note held by a layman against Brother Tanner.

On motion of R. A. Bruce the reports of the treasurer and statistical secretary were approved and ordered printed in the minutes without reading.

On motion of J. A. Edwards the item of membership in the statistics was read.

On his request, M. E. Nickerson was granted leave of absence for one year.

On motion of C. E. Matteson, the Bishop was requested to appoint H. L. Case, Conference evangelist, to be employed on the Rapid City District.

The following committee reports were read and approved: Auditing committee, on Deaconess Board of Nine, on Sunday Schools, on Foreign Missions, on Conference Claimants, on Home Missions and Church Ex-

tension, on Sabbath Observance, on Auditing District Superintendents' Accounts, on Commission on Federated Interests, on Freedmen's Aid, on Commission on Finance.

On motion of I. M. Hargett, G. D. Brown and J. M. Hunter were elected publishers of the minutes.

On recommendation of the committee of five appointed to consider the case of W. J. Waltz, he was located.

On motion of A. W. Thurston the Dakota Conference put itself on record as favoring woman suffrage.

Dr. S. H. Kirkbride of the Colorado Conference, secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced and he addressed the Conference.

On motion of G. D. Brown, the printed minutes were made the official record of the Conference.

On motion of G. T. Notson the Conference requested that an hour each afternoon for three of the days of the Conference session next year be devoted to the consideration of the rural problem.

On motion of C. E. Wilcox, E. E. Hunt was elected railroad secretary for next year.

On motion of G. D. Brown, the Conference voted that after the reading of the minutes of this session and the reading of the appointments by the Bishop Sunday evening the Conference shall adjourn.

The minutes of this session were read by I. M. Hargett and were approved.

On Sunday evening, October 1, the appointments were read, the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop and the Conference stood adjourned.

CHARLES BAYARD MITCHELL, *President.*
GILBERT DAVID BROWN, *Secretary.*

Certificate of Ordination

This is to certify that at Watertown, S. D., on Sunday, October 1, 1916, upon the election of the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as deacons: Samuel B. Lowrie, Harry P. Nash and John R. Krans; and at the same time and place, assisted by elders, I ordained as elders: Samuel B. Lowrie, Charles B. Dennison, Orrin P. Jackson, Frank Tanner, Anthony L. Wilson.

CHARLES B. MITCHELL,
Presiding Bishop.

Reports of District Superintendents

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:

To follow a well-beloved pastor who has been unexpectedly moved to meet a difficult situation elsewhere is a task that has in it some elements that cause considerable concern on the part of the one undertaking that mission. But to succeed a well-beloved leader unexpectedly moved to meet a difficult situation elsewhere who is beloved by sixty-four churches is a task that multiplies concern, and one impossible without the help and grace of God.

When Dr. Harkness, the highly efficient superintendent of Aberdeen District at the last session of Dakota Conference was appointed secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, and the writer was appointed to succeed him on the district, it was a surprise to all concerned. Everywhere in the district there have been expressions of regret over the departure of Dr. Harkness; but everywhere Methodist Episcopal churches have been loyal to Methodist Episcopal usage, and the new superintendent records his deep appreciation of the kindly coöperation of the quarterly Conferences and of the many courtesies extended. My association with the pastors has increased my esteem for the splendid brotherhood to which we belong. The hospitality of the parsonage homes has put me under lasting obligations to this fine company of men and women.

Some changes have taken place in the personnel of the district during the year. Rev. E. B. Parrot of Cresbard asked to be relieved, that he might enter the evangelistic field. Rev. J. L. Sheldon of the North Indiana Conference was secured for that field, and has served with increasing acceptability. Rev. E. E. Holmes of Waubay was compelled to give up his work because of failing health. Rev. George V. Gray of Warrens, Wis., completed the year at Waubay. Rev. A. A. Bischell of Leola was called East by the death of his father-in-law, and Rev. Edward Whiteside of Bristol, Pa., accepted the work at Leola. Rev. Robert Hall of Langford resigned his pastorate to enter the ministry of the Congregational church. Rev. R. W. Plannette of Oshkosh, Wis., was appointed to the work at Langford.

The home of Brother and Sister Harold at Groton has been gladdened by the advent of a daughter. Brother Redmayne, our pastor at Frederick, has been through sore affliction. Mrs. Redmayne and the four children were stricken with a disease that baffled the skill of the physician to diagnose. After a short illness little Willie, three and a half years old, who was the life of the home, went over to live in the new city that is

filled with boys and girls playing in the streets. Two weeks later, Mrs. Redmayne followed the little lad to the home eternal, and our brother, doubly bereft, is heart broken. Our prayers ascend to the God of all grace to minister, as he alone can.

Brother and Sister Langdon of White Rock are bereaved in the loss of their babe who died at birth. May they find in their need that his grace is sufficient.

The last session of Dakota Conference launched a campaign for \$100,000 for the federated interests of the Conference under the direction of the district superintendents and the secretaries. An apportionment was made to the districts of that amount. February, March, and April were set apart as the time for making a simultaneous canvass throughout the Conference. Dr. Harkness was assigned to the Aberdeen District as special assistant, and the wisdom of his selection was manifest when Aberdeen District on May 1 reported its apportionment as more than met.

One charge that will endorse unanimously the campaign for the federated funds is our church at Gettysburg, where a heavy debt had well-nigh crushed hope and effort. With only one crop in five years, an eight thousand obligation, creditors demanding their money and threatening foreclosure, the outlook was far from encouraging. With the help of the Committee on Federated Interests the official board set courageously at work to meet the obligations. To-day they are rejoicing and facing the future with confidence, for they did the thing that seemed impossible.

The number of churches in the district has been increased by two during the year. At Agar, the new church foreseen by Superintendents Notson and Boyce took its place in that fine little village. On June 18, President Seaman of Dakota Wesleyan University and the superintendent dedicated this new structure for the worship of God. Two hundred dollars more than enough to pay all claims against the society was raised. Pastor C. D. Arms and his people are happy over the success of their plans. Lemmon, the most important town in Perkins County, has been a preaching appointment of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years. Services were conducted in halls, commercial club rooms, vacant store buildings, on the street, and in private homes. This year we can report that our Methodist folk have a building in which to carry forward the various activities of the church. We hope to dedicate this church in the near future. Large credit is due Rev. John Oakley, the pastor, together with the Ladies' Aid in bringing about this much needed improvement.

At Ashton the church was raised, a basement put in with dining room, kitchen, reading room and lavatory. The auditorium was remodeled and electricity installed. The outside of the church was covered with a pebble dash finish of cement, making it one of the neatest church buildings in the district. June 9 was reopening day with Dr. Seaman in charge. One thousand was needed to meet the balance due on the thirty-eight hundred dollars expended for the work. And a little more than that amount was secured. Pastor J. E. McKinney is deservedly happy over their attractive property.

Conde, J. S. Ellis, pastor, and Sisseton, John Ebert, pastor, have enlarged their churches by putting in full basements with equipment for Sunday School and social service. Andover, L. L. Layne, pastor, has the same program well under way. Milbank, F. E. Morrison, pastor, enlarged their basement. Bigstone City, W. T. Loomis, pastor, added a four-room Sunday School addition to the church. Redfield, Albert Hartt, pastor, is installing a pipe organ which will be ready for dedication in the near future. These improvements call for an outlay of twelve thousand dollars all provided for except in one instance, where a loan of seven hundred dollars has been secured. Minor improvements have been made at Bath, Britton, Cresbard, Faulkton, Frederick, Hecla, Langford, Mellette, Rockham, Selby, Westport and White Rock, at an expenditure of twenty-six hundred and fifty dollars.

The Great Commission "Go ye and make disciples" has not been lost sight of during the program of church improvement. We have placed emphasis upon the special evangelistic campaign, the Methodist Forward Movement, evangelism in the Sunday School. Twenty-three charges engaged in a definite evangelistic effort. The largest visible results were at Selby, Redfield, Aberdeen, Gettysburg, Waubay, and Doland.

The Sunday Schools, Epworth and Junior Leagues are carrying forward the work among young people with commendable zeal. One of the outstanding Sunday School achievements of the year was at Aberdeen, where they pushed the attendance well beyond the one thousand mark. The character of the work done in this school merits the highest praise. Five new chapters of the Epworth League and two Junior Leagues have been organized.

The District Epworth League met at Groton with a splendid program arranged by District President Morrison and his cabinet. Dr. Gratz of St. Paul and Miss Chappell of Chicago were the experts in attendance from without the state. And with President Seaman and Professor Gilliland of Dakota Wesleyan University the instruction was of the best. Those in attendance were enthusiastic in praise of the institute.

The women's organizations have been maintained with the same high average of service that is characteristic of them. Their zeal and sacrifices are spoken of in all the churches.

The year has been a busy one, yet, withal, a pleasant one. I have enjoyed the splendid fellowship of the ministry. I appreciate the cordial coöperation of the churches. I thank God for this good comradeship. With thanksgiving to God for a part in establishing and extending the Kingdom of our Lord and Redeemer this report is respectfully submitted.

PIERCE O. BUNT.

MITCHELL DISTRICT

BISHOP MITCHELL AND BRETHREN:

Another page of life's history is written, another round of the circle completed and we are brought by the loving Providence of God to the end of this Conference year, and the writer of this paper to his sixth and final report as superintendent of the Mitchell District.

During these eventful and epoch making years, ninety-four preachers have shared richly with me in the sacrifice, struggle and toil to plant our glorious Methodism in this vast empire known as Mitchell District. We humbly confess our defects and weaknesses, we frankly admit our hopes have not all been realized, but we rejoice that through the faithful coöperation of an heroic and splendid band of men and women, there has been a constantly growing harvest of souls, culminating in by far the largest number this present year, the channels of benevolence have been widened, salaries increased on practically every charge, church debts reduced or cancelled entirely, new churches and parsonages erected, and the outlook for the future was never more hopeful than it is to-day. Two years ago radical changes were made in the boundary lines of the districts, making a comparative statistical statement for the six years somewhat difficult, but taking the thirty-six charges that constitute the district to-day as a basis, and comparing what they were then with what they are now, we find the following advance has been made: Membership, 50 per cent; Sunday School enrollment, 55 per cent; disciplinary benevolences, 46 per cent; ministerial support, 31 per cent.

Of the thirty-eight preachers whose names were read by Bishop Nuelson, with the appointments six years ago, but six are on the district to-day. I desire to call the roll, Hoagland, Ferguson, Egner, W. N. Potter, Hughes and Redfield. Of these six, two have not moved during the entire term, viz.: Hoagland and Redfield. Of the other thirty-two, two have died, five have transferred to other Conferences, five have withdrawn, six have been discontinued, eight have gone to other districts in our own Conference, three have gone to other districts, and like bad pennies have come back again, and one has taken a supernumerary relation and now lives in Michigan. There have been no births, no deaths, no baptisms, no weddings in any of our parsonage homes this year. There have been a few cases of severe sickness. Sister McEldowney was obliged to visit the Rochester hospital during the winter for an operation. Her health is not rugged, and desiring to try the milder climate of southern Iowa, Brother McEldowney has transferred to the Des Moines Conference, and has been stationed at Manning. Sister Bassett spent a month in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and is much better at the present time. Brother Hoyer suffered an attack of facial paralysis in June. His quarterly conference promptly voted him a month's vacation during which time he was benefitted by treatments in the Chamberlain sanitarium. Brother Hargett had no further use for his appendix, and came to Mitchell to have it removed. There are six members in this parsonage home, four of whom are now appendixless. The youngest boy of Brother and Sister Ferguson was taken with infantile paralysis the middle of August and for several weeks all the members of the family were in quarantine. The parents are now hopeful for a complete recovery for their little boy.

During the year three of our pastors resigned—Brothers Brethorst at Farmer, Lovett at Roswell, and Walsh at Lane. The vacancies thus created were promptly filled, with the result that the work did not suffer to any appreciable degree. During the winter Brother James Richards of Herrick left for the warmer climate of Texas because of tubercular difficulty, and

W. J. Douglas, a supernumerary member of this Conference, took his place and has rendered most efficient service on this frontier field. Brother Douglas will ask for the effective relation at this session of the Conference.

The three outstanding activities that have characterized the work of the year have been along the lines of evangelism, improvement of church and parsonage property, and the paying off of old debts. Among Methodist people interest culminates, as a rule, in evangelistic effort and achievement. The Church of our Lord, though it touches every phase and reaches down into all the depths of human life, nevertheless, exists mainly for the salvation of the souls of men. Many difficulties present themselves upon these fields. The people are absorbed in money-making, distracted by amusements, imbued with unbelief, overwrought by the world, and indifferent toward God, but the same awakening spirit, the same mighty gospel, the same unchanging Christ, that brought salvation to men in former days are equal to present conditions, and with the coöperation of pastors and people will fill our churches with shouts of victory and our ranks with multitudes of joyful recruits.

We have paid attention to this work on Mitchell District this year. The Mitchell church was wonderfully quickened and blessed by the sane, strong, scholarly preaching and presentation of gospel truth by Dr. Joseph Smith, who assisted the pastors in special meetings in February. Tent meetings on the White Lake and Underwood charge, supplemented by the persistent, constant, pastoral effort of Brother Egner, brought an increase of one hundred per cent to the membership. Platte had a tremendous spiritual awakening, and reports an increase of thirty-two per cent in the membership. Artesian, Gregory, Tyndall, Mount Vernon, Wessington Springs, and Armour all felt the thrill of new spiritual life in special revival meetings, resulting in a goodly number of conversions and accessions on every charge.

Accessions to Membership

White Lake, eighty-one; Mitchell, sixty; Artesian, forty-one; Alexandria, thirty-four; Wessington Springs, sixty; Platte, fifty-nine; Tyndall, thirty-five; and Geddes, thirty-one.

Improvements

In January the District Superintendent, assisted by Dr. Jenkins, dedicated the beautiful new \$5,000 church at Roswell that replaces the one destroyed by fire the year before. Under Dr. Jenkins' skillful management pledges were secured sufficient to cover all costs. Alpena, feeling the need of a larger plant, has raised the old church, put in a new foundation, a complete basement, and is building a large addition that will be thoroughly finished, furnished, and equipped at an estimated expense of \$3,500. Out in the wonderful Rosebud country, so full of romance, fascination, and possibilities, we are now building two country churches, one at Paxton, fourteen miles south of Dallas, and one at Lakeview in Tripp County, to take the place of the old sod church near Dog Ear Lake we dedicated five years ago. It is expected that our Bishop Mitchell will dedicate these new churches the early part of December, at the time of the rally for Rosebud Methodists to be held at Dallas. Paxton will become the head of a new country circuit we are now organizing in southern Tripp County. Farwell, the country

point out from Artesian, is building a new six-room parsonage, and will ask for a resident pastor. This is probably the greatest country church within the bounds of our Conference. The old church at Riverside, a few miles from Mitchell, that had been vacant for six years, has been moved to Fairview on the Farmer charge, where we have organized a class and elected boards of stewards and trustees. The Beulah church, on the Alexandria charge, was moved from its foundation and partially wrecked by a severe wind storm last spring. The building has been placed back on the foundation, and all damages repaired and all expenses paid. The fine new church at Winner has been equipped with handsome new pews and other furniture.

Debts

We are happy to report a large reduction in the indebtedness on the district. The most conspicuous case was the raising of \$4,300 at Tyndall, where Dr. Notson ably assisted the pastor. This pays off all indebtedness and leaves a good margin with which to make some improvements on the property. Outside of Mitchell and Wessington Springs, Tyndall now has the finest church and parsonage property on the district. In July, Dr. Jenkins spent a Sunday at Colome, and assisted in raising \$1,600, which wipes out all debts, including the loan from the Church Extension Board. At Winner Pastor J. R. Payne persistently canvassed the field and raised \$1,650 to pay on old debts and equip the church.

District Meetings

In early April out at Winner, in the heart of the Rosebud, a rally was held for all the Methodists of that section. It was a marked success. Drs. Seaman and Notson and Sunday School Missionary Lane had prominent places on the program. So delighted were the Rosebud Methodists with this gathering that they unanimously voted another such rally to be held at Dallas in December, when Bishop Mitchell will be present. We assure the Bishop a cordial and royal time with those large-hearted and hospitable Westerners.

The spring meeting of the District Ministerial Association was held at Wessington Springs in June. The first evening Bishop Mitchell delivered an eloquent and thrilling address on "The Marks of a Methodist." This great address by our Bishop struck fire with the folks at Wessington Springs. The attendance of the preachers of the district was very gratifying, considering the almost impassable condition of the roads due to two heavy rain storms, almost cloudbursts, just preceding the meeting. By the way, nineteen preachers of the district now ride in automobiles, and, of course, as would be expected, the great majority of these are Fords. Last fall the good people of Mount Vernon, as an expression of their appreciation, presented their pastor, Brother Ferguson, with a brand-new Chevrolet. I commend this to other charges as a mighty fine thing to do. This meeting at Wessington Springs was immediately followed by the District Epworth League Convention, which was in the nature of an institute, under the direction of such experts as Dr. Gratz of St. Paul, Dr. Gilliland of Mitchell, and Miss Winifred Chappell of Chicago. Bishop Eben S. Johnson, missionary bishop to Africa, unexpectedly dropped in and gave an address at the closing service.

Benevolences

The pastors generally have been faithful in presenting the benevolences and the reports will show a very substantial increase over last year. Practically the only charges reporting slumps are those where pastors resigned in the middle of the year and left this work to new hands. Many charges report magnificent increases over last year, notably Chamberlain, White Lake, Platte, Tyndall, Wagner, and Kimball.

The campaign for federated interests was prosecuted with vigor on the district under the direction of Dr. Notson, assisted by the District Superintendent and Brother Hager. Dr. Harkness canvassed the city of Mitchell for the Conference Claimants' Endowment and secured \$2,300. Mitchell was apportioned for these federated funds \$16,663, and has raised \$16,276. This does not include \$29,686 raised in Mitchell and Davison County for the Conference hospital.

Sunday Schools

Our Sunday Schools constitute our most encouraging field of activity. Generally they are well organized and are doing efficient work. The total Sunday School enrollment is 154 per cent of the church membership.

Epworth Leagues

The Epworth Leagues represent the weakest portion of our church machinery. A few new chapters were organized during the year, but to offset this some old chapters were allowed to lapse into a state of innocuous desuetude. Pastors report them as disbanded. It is difficult to fix responsibility for this. Lack of consecrated, capable leadership is perhaps the chief reason. However, there are some active flourishing chapters, both Senior and Junior, particularly at Wessington Springs, Mitchell, Alexandria, Mount Vernon, and Chamberlain.

Women's Organizations

These splendid organizations generally thrive. Ladies' aid societies have made marvelous records and report total receipts of \$10,000. The Mitchell society reports \$3,000 for the year. Other societies reporting sums ranging from \$400 to \$1,000 are: Wessington Springs, Platte, Wagner, Woonsocket, Artesian, Farmer, Roswell, and Fulton.

The women's missionary societies are making rapid strides. The Foreign Society held a profitable district convention at Plankinton in May. They report total receipts for the year of \$2,301. The Home Society has organized two new auxiliaries during the year and some of these newest organizations are sending in the best reports of all. The year's receipts for the Home Society are \$700.

Dakota Wesleyan University

More and more is the church insisting on higher educational qualifications on the part of those who would enter her ministry, and the sharp competition in all professions and lines of business requires the most complete intellectual equipment of those who would write their names high in the halls of success. We believe the denominational college has a vital place in thus equipping young men and women intellectually and morally for

the larger responsibilities of to-day. Dakota Conference has certainly given our Wesleyan College loyal and united support during the past, and the school merits and must have such continued support for the future. Last year the enrollment for the nine months was 369, with 119 in the summer school, making a total for the year of 488. The graduating class in June numbered thirty-four. At the June meeting of the board of directors Dr. Seaman tendered his resignation as president, to become effective July 1. Dr. Seaman is entitled to great credit for raising the educational standards of the institution and more thoroughly perfecting and systematizing its curricula and working machinery during his administration. Dr. Jenkins, vice-president and field secretary, asked for a leave of absence for a year and a half to accept a position with the General Board of Education. We are still entertaining the hope that we have not lost Dr. Jenkins permanently, for his services are so vitally related to the success of the school that we cannot release him entirely. Dr. Gilliland, dean of the college, has been elected acting president, and has shown unusual skill and judgment in managing affairs incident to the opening of the new school year. Vacancies caused by the resignation of several faculty members have all been filled with capable instructors, and the present year begins with a prophecy of most harmonious relations and of large success. The present enrollment is 266 with about sixty in the freshmen class. Dr. Eugene Allen of Sioux Falls gave a very helpful address on the opening day. The endowment at the present time is \$218,985. Dakota Wesleyan's representative in the peace contest, Francis Case, son of one of the honored members of this Conference, won first place, not only in the state contest, but in the inter-state and the National as well, thus competing with some of the largest institutions of the land. Brethren, Dakota Wesleyan needs our sympathetic coöperation, our prayers, our gifts, our young men and young women. We are justly proud of its past achievements, of its worthy representatives now in all parts of the world, and we are hopeful for its future. Let us be loyal to the point of sacrifice to our Conference school.

Conference Hospital

Our Conference hospital enterprise is moving forward steadily, not as rapidly as we all had hoped, but just as rapidly as the unusual and abnormal conditions will permit. Evidently, many had expected that at this Conference, we would report the building under process of erection. When the board met early in September to consider bids for a contract, the figures were found so enormously high that all bids were ejected and returned to the bidders for new estimates. At a subsequent meeting of the board, the members were keenly disappointed to find the figures still too high, due largely to the almost prohibitive cost of heating and plumbing material on account of the war prices that now prevail. Then began a long and laborious process of pruning, trimming and eliminating, so as to preserve the original size of the building, and yet bring the contract down to a figure that the board would feel justified in accepting. We believe that this has been successfully done as the report will show. On September 20, a large crowd of interested people gathered on the beautiful hospital site for exercises connected with the breaking of ground for this newest enterprise of

South Dakota Methodism. Dr. Notson, the executive secretary, had arranged an interesting program of exercises and after the addresses, the faithful and enthusiastic president of the board, Dr. Hoagland, raised the first shovelful of earth. Dr. Notson has his mind and heart upon this great project and his hands well on the situation. His report will show gratifying returns for the year's labors, and the outline of a big program for the year to come. The Hospital Board requests his appointment to this responsible position for another year. We have no Conference enterprise that appeals more to the big-hearted liberality of our people than that of our Methodist State Hospital.

Conclusion

I bring this, my last report, to a close with this deep conviction burning in my soul, that the supreme need among both ministry and laity is the great need of our common humanity everywhere, and that is more of a deep, vital, spiritual experience in all its substance and power. We need the baptism of holy enthusiasm, singleness of purpose, devotion to duty, consecration of life and complete submission to the will of the Father, that characterized Him who has called us to be His followers. That spirit has not been lacking on our district. I cannot speak of individual pastors and their work, save in an incidental way, but I wish to say this word for the comfort and encouragement of these dear brethren in the ministry. I never expect to have an opportunity to work with a more faithful and self-sacrificing band of men and women than are found on Mitchell District. To enjoy the confidence of such brethren is a treasure beyond price. To be worthy of it is to be coveted far beyond place or power. The homes where I have stopped have been havens of rest and my associations with the preachers and their wives have been most blessed. I am sure that my district experiences have sweetened and deepened my fellowship and faith in God and man. I have endeavored to administer the polity of the church, and to preach and maintain its fundamental doctrines with fidelity, believing that Methodism has the fundamental truths that are to save this world, and that we should wrest them from the hands of specialism, and hobbyism, and fanaticism, and come-outism and preach them from our pulpits with common sense and under the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for the people are hungry for this kind of Gospel message. O, the fields are white unto the harvest, and I believe our Methodism, when sanely represented, is in favor with the people, and God is waiting to qualify us for this supreme business with winning power.

Beloved, this is not a farewell message. I have no farewell words to say to you. This is just the closing of a chapter in life's great book of blessed opportunity. I only trust the contents of the next chapter will set forth larger triumphs in the cause of righteousness, and deeper experiences in the things of God. I am not unconscious of failures and mistakes, but I am conscious of having endeavored to be true and faithful to that Divine Lord, whose we are and whom we serve. I pledge my earnest prayers for him whom the Bishop may appoint to the superintendency of this great field. And now brethren, "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of Peace shall be with you."

W. S. SHEPHERD.

RAPID CITY DISTRICT

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:

Another year is written in the eternal records, and, in the providence of God we come with our third annual report, of Rapid City District.

Improvements are to be noted in many respects. The tide of the exodus of settlers from the prairie sections of the District, mentioned in our last year's report, has turned slowly and new families are coming among us. Thousands of young stock have been shipped in, dairying interests are spreading, crops have been fair, prices excellent, and a spirit of hopefulness prevails.

In the "Hill Country," and the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project, prosperous times continue.

Personal Notation

Several pastoral changes occurred during the year. The pastors appointed by Bishop Quayle, for Custer and Sturgis concluded to go elsewhere, thus leaving those two county seat towns to be supplied.

After several weeks' effort, the right men were found for both these pulpits.

Because of continued ill-health of his wife, Rev. P. J. Lawson asked to be relieved of his pastorate at Edgemont last May. His request was granted. Rev. C. Boatman came from Asbury College, Kentucky, early in June to supply for balance of Conference year.

After a few weeks' work at Reliance, Rev. Fred Lonsdale who was sent there from Conference, as supply, resigned to take work in Iowa, where he has friends. Rev. R. C. Russell of Iowa Conference came to this work, but a little later returned to Iowa. In this peculiarly trying situation, we secured Rev. A. T. McFarland from Pennsylvania for this place. A new parsonage is in prospect.

Rev. A. G. Campbell had succeeded in dedicating the new church at Newell, provided a workable financial system, organized an Epworth League, received a number into church membership, and then was persuaded by a unanimous invitation to return to his former pastorate in Harding County. The Newell people kindly consented to release him. Rev. C. E. Cadle came to the Newell church from Asbury College. His brother Ernest, also from Asbury, will come to Rapid City District from Delaware Conference.

Rev. John Wilson from eastern South Dakota has been appointed as supply on Nowlin.

In April, Rev. J. M. Tibbetts resigned from the pastorate at Deadwood, from the Methodist ministry, and surrendered his parchments, subject to final action by the Bishop and Cabinet.

Rev. E. E. Vernon, member of this Conference, just graduating at Garrett, came on the first Sunday in June to be pastor, friend, leader of our Deadwood people.

Improvements—Debts

On Sunday, December 19, occurred the dedication of our Methodist Church at Newell. For four years a little company of loyal self-sacrificing Methodists have been working on, laying foundations and building for Christ and the church they love. The property is easily worth \$7,000.

Under the leadership of Dr. J. P. Jenkins, assisted by the District Superintendent, and the pastor, Rev. A. G. Campbell, \$1,500 in subscriptions, was raised to cover the \$1,400 remaining indebtedness. An additional \$250 has since been secured, for cistern and other improvements.

At Oral under the vigorous leadership of Pastor L. F. Gillespie, a comfortable little parsonage, suitable for present needs, has been built, valued at \$1,000.

On the Midland Circuit, at Ottumwa, an interior point eighteen miles from the railway our people have sold the store building, used as church, and the pastor, Rev. C. M. Weirauch, is now busy gathering funds for a new church.

Rev. P. H. Weston, pastor at Caputa and Fairburn, is in the midst of a canvass for subscriptions, for the new church to be built in the coming year, at Fairburn, God willing.

Other items of improvements, and debts paid, grouped together, are as follows: Belle Fourche, \$192; Custer, \$275; Deadwood, \$200; Edgemont, \$305; Hot Springs, \$35; Kennebec, \$730; Lead, \$1,073; Murdo, \$380; Oelrichs, \$131; Oral, \$800; Philip, \$113; Rapid City, \$370; Reliance, \$180; Spearfish, \$210; Sturgis, \$12; Terry, \$137; Wall, \$195.

The Societies

The Sunday Schools are still the "Classes for Religious Instruction," for many a church and home. We ought to do better, much better, by them. There is no other so promising field, so greatly neglected. We report increased enrollment, interest and more use of graded lessons.

We still have a number of Junior Leagues, doing good work, and could have many more, if leaders could be provided.

The Epworthians in their consecration and activities are the joy of many a pastor's heart. Our District Epworth League Convention, held at Deadwood last June, gave evidence that our young people are devoted Christians and Methodists. We realized great profit from the workers from abroad, Dr. Gratz and Miss Chappell, who made the circuit of the District Conventions of the whole Conference. Deadwood Epworth League is a royal entertainer.

The District Conference, held at Lead, given over to a study of ways and means for effective evangelistic and district work, was well attended, and an inspiration to all.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Societies, are not numerous, but growth and deep interest will be manifest by the Conference reports. No district meetings were held, but Miss Flora Robinson, gifted daughter of Bishop J. E. Robinson of India, gave a series of strong addresses over the district to the very great profit of both societies, for both are as one in our country.

Time would fail us to tell of the multiplied activities of our ladies' aid societies. Always and everywhere they fully meet our expectations in ministries to the needy, sick, sorrowing, as well as in large financial contributions. The larger societies have done large things this year, prompting every department of church work, and the small societies, often far out on the prairies, do as well accordingly. More than this, these ladies are

usually the religious leaders of the churches, and the Christ-sent spiritual life of their own homes.

Benevolences

I have not the totals for the Benevolences. The pastors have usually been faithful in this regard, and while they may fall short of our expectations, they will exceed the aggregate of last year. One hundred and twenty-eight dollars was received as the Easter Self-Denial Offering.

The Methodist Forward Movement

We have several Gospel teams among the laymen, which have given acceptable service. It is evident, however, that the pastors must become interested, and assist in formulating plans, and be willing that these brethren be occasionally absent from the home congregations, if large results obtain. Please brethren, see to it that these good men do not "rust out." Give them a chance at "a man's job" and they will be better and happier.

The Hospital

This has been the most successful year of the four, for the Rapid City Methodist Deaconess Hospital. The work has gone smoothly and steadily forward. We give all credit for details to our beloved and always efficient Superintendent, Miss Elva B. Wade. Beside our graduate nurses, we have eleven young ladies enrolled in our Nurses' Training School. The Board of Trustees has been strengthened by the addition of two local business men. A new modern X-ray machine has been installed, value \$1,600. Other improvements aggregating \$600 have been made. Total earnings, \$13,354. Of this \$2,000, free and charity work. Thirty-six weeks of free service have been given to our Methodist ministers' families. Four hundred and sixty patients have been admitted, and only six deaths. The patients came from nine states. Of church affiliations we note 101 Methodists and forty-five Catholics. We registered twenty-four childbirths. Fuller report will be rendered by our efficient field secretary, Rev. W. E. Hartung. Brethren, we are happy to observe these evidences that God has called Methodism to holy service, in this house of help, hope and healing, our Methodist Deaconess Hospital.

Moral and Religious

Ours is a "far flung battle line." Rapid City District covers more than 30,000 square miles. There are seventy preaching places, served by twenty-six pastors. It is not easy for ministers to carry forward an aggressive program under such conditions, but there is steady advance. Revivals were mostly planned early, but winter storms, bad roads, have to be faced and reckoned with. Some men have succeeded, while others serving as faithfully, have not. None have failed in purpose at least. We trust He shall say, "well done." Belle Fourche reports 14 accessions; Deadwood, 26; Hot Springs, 13; Kennebec, 20; Lead, 100; Murdo, 12; Philip, 6; Presho, 5; Rapid City, 61; Wall, 5.

Conditions are changing rapidly in the western part of this state. Only keen, aggressive men with vim and vision, can succeed, but an "opportunity," and success await men of real quality. In a period of moral transi-

tion such as is on in the Black Hills country, where the old moral disorder is rapidly giving place to the establishment of orderly social communities, we need ministers who are real leaders, for our splendid stalwart Methodist laymen. "God give us men. A time like this demands men of strong faith, great hearts and ready hands."

On a straight line of the Chicago and North Western Railway of 170 miles from Pierre to Rapid City, there is only one saloon. On the Milwaukee on a line of 219 miles from the "Big Muddy," to Rapid City, there is only one saloon, and it will not be there next year. In the Black Hills country proper, we lost no dry town to the wets; but Rapid City, Custer and Hot Springs, thriving county seat towns, together with several smaller towns, remain, or are for the first time, dry. Yes, before "1920, with votes aplenty, a saloonless country we will be."

Bishop, there is no other class of men, so aggressive for righteousness as are Methodist preachers. I would gladly mention every man on the District by name, and his work in detail, but time forbids.

Beside our regular pastors who will report, I bring greetings from our revered and beloved Dr. C. B. Clark, once a leader in Dakota Conference, later and until last year, Chaplain of the National Sanitarium at Hot Springs. Dr. Clark is quietly enjoying the afterglow of the day of life well spent. "At evening time it shall be (is) light."

Greetings also I bring from a member of this Conference, successor to Dr. Clark, as Chaplain at the Sanitarium—Brother Azra P. Janes. Abundant in labors, never more useful than in his present activities. He has won the respect and confidence of all.

Personal

Including a trip to California last October, I have traveled over 17,000 miles. I have no tale of hardship to bring, of labor or suffering. God has been good to me and mine, my brethren always kind, and the people apparently appreciative.

With gratitude for any measure of success, and with endless praise for opportunities, this report is respectfully submitted.

C. E. MATTESON.

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT

DEAR BISHOP MITCHELL AND BRETHREN OF DAKOTA CONFERENCE:

We are able to report for Sioux Falls District a year of strong, steady, faithful and progressive work on the part of practically every man appointed to work on this District, one year ago. The Board at Philadelphia again congratulates the District on the fact that for five successive years, we have made an advance over each preceding year in the matter of membership, property, pastoral support and disciplinary benevolences, and we confidently believe that the present year will show another advance step along all these great lines of work. To make these results possible the pastors have been obliged to give themselves more arduously to the work than on any previous year, because of the failure of the corn crop last fall—and "Corn is king" with us.

Some Reasons Why

First, every preacher has been at his post throughout the year, except the change of pastors in April, of First Church, Sioux Falls and of First Church, Anderson, Ind., but this change caused no interruption in the work. Dr. J. W. Potter labored abundantly in Sioux Falls for four and a half years, placing Methodism well to the front among the various denominations at work there. Dr. Eugene Allen has taken up this great work with a grasp and a vision that have inspired the church with a confidence that the real work of this church, in this rapidly developing city, has just begun. Brother Allen is worthy of a place in Dakota Conference.

The second reason why we have had a good year, in spite of "King Corn's" failure to do the right thing by us last fall, is, that the laymen, as never before, have taken hold of the problem of church finance and church attendance and after thorough organization, have gone forth in teams to solve the problems. But while we are thanking God for the splendid new movement among the men of the churches, yet, we note with deep concern that the devil keeps right up to date in the matter of organizing his forces against us. Sunday baseball and Sunday movies are surely making more or less rapid headway among the young people on many charges and are causing a falling off in church attendance, as also a general indifference toward genuineness in Christian life. If we have laws now on the statute books prohibiting these encroachments on "The Lord's Day," then these laws should be enforced. If we have not now such laws, then Methodism and every other Christian denomination in South Dakota should stand together and see to it that the next State Legislature put such laws on the books and make them plain enough that every law firm in the state can easily get at their meaning.

That Church Building Campaign

The \$8,000 church project which was launched at Irene last year by an optimistic band of seven members and an interested constituency was brought to completion in November. The dedication services were in the hands of Dr. J. W. Potter, assisted by the District Superintendent and the present pastor, S. B. Lowrie. The \$8,000 needed to pay expenses was amply provided for by pledges and at this time, just ten months later, a little less than \$2,000 yet remains to be paid in to entirely clear the account. In addition to this, the church has supported a pastor at a salary of \$1,000, and closes the year with a membership, not of seven, but fifty.

The church at Volin was rebuilt at a cost of \$3,000, and reopened on May 14, free from debt. Dr. J. P. Jenkins was the leader here on reopening day and about twenty minutes was all the time needed to secure all necessary funds.

The fine, commodious basement at Canton was built at a cost of \$3,800 and was opened for social service work in December.

At Benclare the Ladies' Aid Society secured \$1,200, and with the help of the trustees, a fine basement was built and the main room of the church refinished.

The new modern parsonage at Hurley was finished early in the Conference year, at a cost of \$3,400.

Vilas has now a nice \$2,000 church and very effective work of Christ is being carried forward in that community with L. W. Darling, the pastor, as leader.

Improvements at many other points have been made, such as purchasing pianos, electric lights, new carpets, painting churches or parsonages, laying sidewalks, finishing off new rooms, cement floors, etc. Canistota, \$310; Centerville, \$325; Chester, \$220; Colton, \$123; Davis, \$175; Egan, \$202; East Side Sioux Falls, \$267; Flandreau, \$445; Hartford, \$150; Hudson and Fairview, \$178; Madison, \$632; Vermilion, \$336 and Yankton, \$400.

The Parsonage Homes

At the Wakonda parsonage home, Sister L. A. McDonald heard the call of God to come to Him, and tenderly talking the meaning of this call over with her husband and her son, Florin, she sweetly said good-bye to them, for a time, and went away with Jesus. She was well fitted to grace a parsonage home, and since her going the home here is a lonesome place for those who loved her. God bless and comfort Brother McDonald and his son Florin in their great loss.

Heaven is nearer and dearer to Brother and Sister C. E. McDonald of Montrose since they have given Christ their little son to keep for them.

Brother E. E. Saxton of Canistota, because of his own weakened physical condition, and the still more serious condition of his wife's health, will at this time ask for a supernumerary relation in order that he may spend a year in the Southland in an effort at recovery of health, both for himself and his wife.

The stork this year left babies to be cared for at the following homes: Brother and Sister Wilkinson of Colman, Brother and Sister Harmon of Hudson and Brother and Sister Wilcox of Centerville.

Missionary Work

The regular offerings for Foreign and Home Missions will show an increase over last year. We hope this will be a large increase, but the offerings from a few charges will be small because of local conditions.

The W. F. M. S. and W. H. M. S. will also both show a good advance. "The King's Heralds" and "Little Light Bearers" are growing in number in the district and are re-enforcing the parent organizations.

The five consecrated young women now in the Foreign Mission field from this district, namely, Alice, Marie and Helen Brethorst, Hilda Holmberg and Faith Hunt, were all well, busy and happy at last writing. Our prayer is that God may continue his gracious watch care about them, and deal tenderly with them, for they have given themselves absolutely over to the great work of their separate mission fields.

The District Camp Meeting

The District Camp meeting is becoming year by year a more helpful feature of district work. Dr. Nixon of Pontiac, Mich. and Dr. Louis Albert Banks of Delaware, O., were the leaders this year. Every charge

on the district with three exceptions was represented at the camp by the pastors, and every charge except five were represented by both pastors and laymen.

District Deaconess

Minnie Williamson, as deaconess, has gone from one point to another during the year doing most effective work as pastor's helper at opportune times and at little expense to the charges where she has labored. We find a district deaconess a good investment. Miss Williamson will give her entire time, however, next year to First Church, Sioux Falls.

Brief Items of Interest

The churches that put on a thorough team canvass for the local budget, are giving the Ladies' Aid Societies an opportunity to do some other work besides helping to pay the pastor's salary.

The Sunday School continues to be the real recruiting department of the church, and is growing more effective in its work each year.

Pioneer and Mount Zion will be a new charge on this district next year. A real country charge paying \$1,200 salary, and providing in their midst a country home for the pastor.

William N. Deller is wanted back at Flandreau at a \$200 increase in salary.

Egan will pay \$1,200 next year and want N. A. Christensen returned.

Beresford will pay \$1,200 as a station the coming year and unanimously request the return of J. B. Dibble for the fourth year's work.

Frank Tanner is invited back to Chester at \$200 increase in salary.

Guy Wilkinson of Colman and Wellman will get an increase in support next year. The membership on this charge was nearly doubled this year. Things come to pass where Wilkinson works.

Membership

Willis N. Graves, Vermilion, net increase, 98; H. P. Eberhart, Yankton, 43; Fred Ray, Salem, 18; Nels Fanebust, Parker, 29; L. W. Darling, Howard, 17; H. E. Rice, Gayville, 32; C. H. Graf, Hartford, 50; J. D. Dibble, Beresford, 15.

These reports all represent a net increase in membership.

A great revival is now under way at Parker. East Side Sioux Falls, where Brother S. E. Brown has labored so splendidly this year will begin a strong meeting in that part of the city on October 8. East Side Sioux Falls is having a hard struggle to pay for its new church building, but that church stands in the center of the field of greatest opportunity in South Dakota.

Personally, I am thankful to God for the privilege of another year's work in the Lord's vineyard, and in that part of it represented by the Sioux Falls District, in the midst of such splendid men as are the pastors of this District and Official Boards that are really trying to do the Lord's business in a business-like way.

G. W. ROSENBERRY.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:

For the sixth time I bring the report of the Watertown District. The six years have been full of labors. Some things have been accomplished and many things that should have been done are still waiting other hands.

I have been associated with men of sterling worth. Two men have gone through the entire term with me, one of them remaining in the same field and the other records one move. It has been a joy to my soul to mingle with these men in their homes. And these preachers' wives. They must have been fore-ordained before the foundation of the world to be Methodist preachers' wives.

Things Achieved

We have built eight parsonages and purchased another, the total valuation being \$24,000. Another parsonage is in the course of construction. We have built three churches, with a valuation of \$87,000, and have dedicated another previously built. We have spent for church and parsonage improvements \$37,748, while we have paid off church debts to the amount of \$51,308.

"Twenty-five charges report no debt, while several others have fully covered all debt by subscription. The Ladies' Aids have reported over \$50,000. It is hard to tabulate the membership as the District bounds have been altered. I still hold the change in Districts to be the biggest mistake our Conference has made in recent years and hope the mistake may be remedied soon. The laymen of my district are practically one in their opposition to the present plan. With this little survey I will proceed to the report for the present year. God has been our guide and we bring Him praise.

Personal

Shortly after Conference Brother Buriff found it necessary to undergo a critical operation at Rochester. Sister Bruce also had an operation by the Mayos, while Sisters Hocking and Trevithick had similar experiences at Mitchell. Brother Butterfield suffered a broken leg in a Ford accident. Sister Kearton is still a sufferer from paralysis. Sister Rawlinson was critically ill but her health is much improved.

Pulpit Supplies

Several men have been brought to the district to supply pulpits. Brother F. W. Stoll came to Aurora and claims to have put the "ror" in the name. We will not dispute it. Ernest Spry and wife have wrought well at Broadland. Arthur Mayer came to us from Wesley College, Winnipeg, and was stationed on Chappelle Circuit. He has a good year. A parsonage is being built there in very happy prospects.

Churches

During the year the great church in Watertown was dedicated. We think with you she has not an equal in the state. Brother Lewis and his building committee have been untiring in their toil. The building speaks for itself. I need not add words.

The Logan Church on the Clark work was dedicated by our Bishop a few weeks ago. Building and improvements elsewhere on the district amount to \$7,624, as reported at the Fourth Quarterly Conference. Arlington put a cement floor in the basement of the parsonage, Aurora purchased chairs and song books, also a lighting plant. Bradley purchased a piano, new choir chairs, electric lights in the church and parsonage. Bruce has a full basement under the church, while Clear Lake painted church and parsonage, also papering the parsonage. DeSmet paid for a piano previously reported, paid for curbing, also put electric lights in church and parsonage. Elkton improved their church, and Esmond painted its church, and also laid cement walks. The Graceland church on the Florence charge, put pews in the church, also installed a furnace. Garden City put electric lights in the church, and Gary reports church improvements. Henry raised the church and put a full basement in. The church was also enlarged. Highmore put electric lights in the parsonage and hymnals in the church. Hitchcock placed a piano in the church. St. Lawrence installed electric lights in the church and parsonage, laid cement walks and put water in the parsonage. Tulare observed Arbor Day by planting trees in the church and parsonage grounds. There are many charges to which this would be a good suggestion. Wessington installed electric lights in the church. The new parsonage at Broadland and DeGrey make the total for the year's work reported.

I ask the sanction of the Conference for the exchange of our church at Vienna, which has been closed for a good many years, for the Congregational church at Iroquois. We have also exchanged a preaching point north of Highmore for the Congregational work at Osceola.

Camp Meeting

Our camp meeting at St. Lawrence was of a high order. Dr. Randell, secretary of the commission on evangelism, was the evangelist. His work is lasting.

Epworth League

The League held an institute in connection with the camp. It was quite well attended. The speakers gave good service. Dr. Gratz and Miss Chappell won many friends, and Dr. Trenery, who gave us some stirring addresses on Sunday School methods, made an impression that will not soon be forgotten.

The ladies of the church report over \$12,000 this year. Three aids report over \$1,000 each. Huron, \$1,670.32; Miller, \$1,026.91; Watertown, \$1,558.50.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been about the Master's business and also makes a good report which shows earnestness in labor.

The hospital reports its very best year. Miss Wood has certainly proved herself master of the situation. Brother Bracket of Iowa was secured as field worker and the choice seems to be a happy one. A movement is on foot to enlarge the hospital so that the growing patronage can be cared for. There have been 332 patients up to the first of this month. The daily average has been a little over eleven. The month of August it ran thirteen, and thus far this month nearly fourteen. The gross earnings have been

\$12,135.81, while the disbursements have been \$10,821. This has enabled us to take care of all current expenses and apply considerable on old accounts.

This hospital has been added to our institutions during the present administration on the district. Notwithstanding the almost total loss of the small grain crops our district reports advance in benevolences—Foreign Missions, \$3,811; Home Missions, \$1,541; the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$2,710; and Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$349; while the total for all benevolences reaches \$13,048.

Federated Interests

We took our place in the campaign for the federated interests and report \$15,897.

The church at Pierre responded to the challenge from the Conference and raised \$10,000 and receiving the \$3,000, which enabled them to reduce that great debt to \$15,000, thus saving the church. Dr. Edwards deserves great credit for his efficient leadership in this campaign. In my first report to this Conference we reported no births in our parsonages. This year there are six. The happy parents are: Brother and Sister Cooney, Brother and Sister Lee, Brother and Sister Marble, Brother and Sister Bacon, Brother and Sister Lewis, and Brother and Sister Rader. There have been eighteen births and only one death in a parsonage home during the past six years. To God be our thanks.

Revival meetings have been held on many charges with good results.

With gratitude to Almighty God for His continued goodness and praying His blessing on the work in the years to come, I submit this report.

ORIEN E. BOYCE.

Watertown, S. D.,
September 28, 1916.

The committee on auditing the District Superintendents' accounts hereby state that they have found the accounts to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. GAGE,
C. B. DENNISON.

Reports of Committees

EDUCATION

The Committee on Education offers the following report:

The Children's Day collection, which has aided from the beginning 23,386 students—2,189 last year, and this year 2,288—is more helpful and efficient than ever before. This collection is not yet large enough to meet the demands. We must and will be faithful in its presentation.

We endorse and commend the appointment of a religious worker to serve our schools, and the tax-supported institutions when and where requested.

The educational jubilee of our church is worthy the devout support and coöperation of all our people. It means better kept campuses, better buildings and equipment, strengthened faculties, enriched curricula, and greatly increased endowments.

We believe that at latest, by the next Annual Conference, Dakota Wesleyan University should line up with the jubilee movement for not less than \$400,000, to be raised before the close of the jubilee period, February 28, 1918. This amount would insure a total of one-half million endowment, a much-needed gymnasium, and clean up any indebtedness that may have accumulated by that time.

The one public educational collection, eighty per cent at the order of the Annual Conference and twenty per cent for the Board of Education, authorized by the General Conference of 1912 and continued by the General Conference of 1916, is a fortunate provision in that it calls for one collection instead of two.

The prosperity of our theological schools is most gratifying. At Garrett Biblical Institute the experiment of the four-quarter year has met with success far exceeding the expectations of its promoters. The ground has been broken for the new dormitories which are to constitute an imposing group of buildings to house the school during the coming years. The religious life of the school is indicated by the fact that most of the student pastors have held revival services. The Student Volunteer Band has subscribed \$1,000 for the support of a foreign missionary. The faithful faculty remains unchanged. Drew Theological Seminary enters upon its fiftieth year. It has trained more than 2,500 men who have gone into nearly every conference and mission of Methodism. Its faculty has been strengthened and its course increased to meet the most modern demands. It has ever been and now is loyal to the history and life of the denomination. Boston University School of Theology has added materially to its equipment, and is still crowded for room. We commend our own seminaries as equal to the best and urge upon our young ministers the importance of availing themselves of their advantages.

Dakota Wesleyan University continues to be one of the largest assets of our Dakota Methodism. Its courses comprise college, normal, music,

domestic science, academy, and business mechanics. The educational training in each of these departments is of high grade. We are pleased to note that the scholastic standards of the college are recognized by the best institutions of the country making it possible for the students to enter these schools without loss of credit. In this connection we wish to express our high appreciation of the tireless work of President Seaman, to whom the college owes much for its present scholastic rank.

The strong Christian spirit which has characterized the institution still pervades. The Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations are organized for aggressive Christian work. The Young Men's Christian Association has employed a secretary of earnest Christian character who devotes all his time to the moral and religious welfare of the students. Bible-study classes are formed and it is the aim to interest every student in some phase of religious life. A crusade is to be undertaken this year by the Young Men's Christian Association against the use of tobacco. The Volunteer Band is active and a number of students have dedicated themselves to the foreign field. We recognize in all this the splendid work of our college both in scholastic and in spiritual things and again pledge her our most loyal support.

We are fortunate in having Dr. C. V. Gilliland, long time associated with the teaching force of Dakota Wesleyan University, and experienced in college administration, as acting president, and believe that no interests of the institution will suffer under his competent leadership.

J. S. HOAGLAND, *Chairman.*

RALPH C. SHEARER, *Secretary.*

HOSPITALS

We record with great thankfulness the progress of the Methodist Church in its fulfilling the Master's plan of caring for and healing the sick, showing thereby Christlike love to our fellow men.

Our hospitals in this Conference are wisely situated to serve the sick and needy in and out of the church, in the widely extending portions of our territory.

The reports of the Methodist Deaconess Hospital of the Woman's Home Missionary Society located at Rapid City and of the Dakota Deaconess Hospital at Brookings show a year of great efficiency and loving ministry, reporting only eleven deaths out of 793 cases, caring for people of every denomination and reaching the hearts of unsaved in hours of extremity in the care of loved ones.

We commend the reports of each of these institutions as they appear in our Conference Minutes, to the careful reading of every layman and pastor. We commend not only to our woman's organizations, but to all our churches and people these hospitals for their generous contributions.

We chronicle with rejoicing the breaking ground in Mitchell for the Methodist State Hospital, an institution state wide in its scope, happy in its location, near our Conference college. Its report also appearing in these Minutes should have a careful hearing by every loyal Methodist.

We hope the building may be completed and ready for patients before another Conference session. We commend its needs and the work of the executive secretary, G. T. Notson, D.D., to our pulpits and loyal Methodists

and friends in this time of the founding of the Methodist State Hospital, believing those assisting will be called blessed by coming generations.

A. E. BURIFF, J. S. HOAGLAND, H. L. CASE, L. LAYNE.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee wishes to call attention to some great outstanding facts in regard to the work of the Board of Sunday Schools.

The Board of Sunday Schools was organized at one of the most critical periods in the history of the church. The growth of the church had sunk to alarming conditions. The situation was so critical that the leaders of the church were casting about for some method of staying the tide.

The Sunday School Board was organized in 1908. In the ten years previous to this time the annual increase in the Sunday Schools was about thirty-five thousand. In the ten years following this date the increase was 156,000 per year, that is, fourfold as great, giving an increase in ten years of one and a quarter millions.

In 1907 144 Sunday School scholars were converted; in 1915 236,000 were converted. The increase in church membership in the twelve years, 1895 to 1907, was 475,000, but in the four years, 1912 to 1915, it was 488,000, that is three times as great proportionally.

In view of this wonderful record we respectfully urge that every pastor see to it that every provision of the Discipline concerning the support of this board be rigorously carried out, that nothing may interfere with a generous provision for its needs.

LOUIS L. LANE, *Chairman*,

WM. S. ROWDEN, *Secretary*.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

We wish to record our gratitude to Almighty God for the remarkable progress the cause of temperance and prohibition have made throughout the whole civilized world.

We congratulate Canada in that she has victoriously grappled with the mighty foe and we wish to assure her that the day of America's deliverance has dawned, and soon from coast to coast and from pole to pole the legalized saloon will be only a thing of shameful memory.

To hasten this glorious day we pledge ourselves to earnestly support every worthy movement which tends to the abolishment of the American saloon.

On account of the foregoing facts, be it resolved:

First—That this Conference, representing a constituency of approximately 50,000 of the citizens of South Dakota, hereby request our representatives in the National Congress to use their best endeavor to bring about national, constitutional prohibition; in the District of Columbia, the Hawaiian Islands, and all territory under control of the government as well as for the elimination of liquor advertisements and all mail pertaining thereto from the United States mail, and we hereby request the secretary of this body to furnish to each of the representatives of Congress from this state a copy of this resolution.

Second—Anticipating a splendid showing at the polls this fall which will give us state-wide prohibition, we hereby call upon the coming Legislature to pass such laws as will guarantee the elimination of the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Third—We hereby express our appreciation and commendation of the advanced position now taken by so many newspapers and magazines of our country which have excluded liquor advertisements in their columns and we commend their attitude to other newspapers of the land.

Fourth—We record our appreciation of the splendid work being done by our Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Reform; of its generous offer to expend \$2.00 within the borders of the Conference for each \$1.00 received and for the inspirational visit of its representative, Dr. C. E. Kline.

Fifth—We call attention of every pastor of the Conference to the fact that the election this fall will occur on November 7, and also to the fact that a residence of thirty days within the county is required in order to vote and suggest that those who move plan their moving so as to arrive at their new fields not later than October 7.

Sixth—Realizing that this is the year of opportunity for the cause of temperance and prohibition in South Dakota, we hereby commend the good work done by the Anti-Saloon League of South Dakota and heartily endorse the plans of the Campaign Committee wherein they ask all the churches of the state to use their best efforts every day from now until election in coöperation with the plans of the League.

We believe that the plan of organization which includes a committeeman in every voting precinct in the state who will gather a committee about him and thoroughly organize the precinct and deliver to the polls every dry voter is of vital importance and we urge pastors and people to heartily coöperate with the plan.

We believe the campaign of publicity which is now going on and which is to continue with increasing force until election, wherein it is planned to use every minister and every layman who will do public speaking or private solicitation and thus cover every part of the counties in the state, bringing our interests to every voter and conducting public meetings in every church and schoolhouse cannot fail to bring results.

We have learned that the board of trustees of the Anti-Saloon League of this state at its recent meeting passed a resolution fixing October 22 as State-wide Prohibition Day and asked every church in the state to observe it, and also requests every pastor to preach a temperance sermon on that day and to take a free-will offering from the people for state-wide prohibition and forward the same to the office of the Anti-Saloon League in Mitchell to be used in this campaign.

We recommend that this Conference elect P. O. Bunt, I. M. Hargett, A. E. Carhart, and J. S. Hoagland as our representatives on the board of trustees of the Anti-Saloon League.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. HAGER,
PAUL GARDNER,

A. E. CARHART,
O. W. BUTTERFIELD,

E. E. HUNT,
H. L. CASE,

Committee.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

We greatly rejoice in the success of the campaign for a larger permanent fund for the support of the faithful veterans, whose devoted labors have helped to secure our splendid heritage as a conference.

We wish to express our appreciation of the efficient leadership of the Rev. J. S. Harkness, D.D., the financial agent of this worthy cause, and we most earnestly recommend that a financial agent representing this cause be continued.

As a committee we again urge the importance of careful attention on the part of the pastors to the prorating of ministerial support in the interest of this worthy cause.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants, we suggest that some Sunday, early in the Conference year, be designated as Conference Claimants Sunday, when special attention shall be given to the interests of this cause.

————— J. B. DIBBLE, *Chairman*.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

There is a marked and growing tendency on the part of the American people toward Sabbath desecration, and *Whereas*, this tendency is being fed by a commercial and worldly spirit, a mania for making money, as is witnessed by the transportation companies and other business concerns transacting business on the Sabbath day; and further, by the Sunday edition of the daily papers, Sunday baseball, theatres, movie shows, and other amusements on the Sabbath.

Therefore, *be it resolved*, that we greatly deplore the situation, and pledge ourselves to put forth every effort to secure enforcement of the law against Sabbath desecration.

————— S. E. BROWN, *Chairman*,
HARRY LEE, *Secretary*.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

It is with gratitude to God that we look upon the record of another year's work, the results of which have brought help to needy fields. In many places the work would have been impossible, and in others seriously hindered, without the gracious assistance of the society.

We urge all our pastors to give this great cause their hearty support, and to study more carefully the work already accomplished, and also the needs of the home field.

The fields are white unto the harvest. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that more money and more laborers may be secured, lest our Korean and Chinese brethren and others, have occasion to say of us: "Physician, heal thyself."

We call all our pastors' attention to the new division into departments of this work, in the 1916 Discipline, and especially to the department on Evangelism.

————— M. T. HABGOOD, *Chairman*.
O. M. HYDE, *Secretary*.

DAKOTA DEACONESS HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1916

The year has been one of progress. More patients have been admitted—more work done—more money received, than during any previous year. There have been difficulties to face, and problems to solve, but God has been very gracious in fulfilling his promises of guidance and help.

There have been some changes in the workers. Miss Simmons, the deaconess matron, was obliged to return to her home, but in her place

we have Miss Rodenfels—a deaconess nurse. Miss Williamson, who has been doing evangelistic and visiting deaconess work in the Sioux Falls District, is affiliated with our institution. In May the Rev. A. C. Brackett, of the Upper Iowa Conference, was secured as financial secretary and much of the year's progress has been due to his efforts. The campaign for wiping out the debt of \$5,500 and enlarging the capacity of the hospital is under way with about \$8,000 already in sight. A nurses' home has been rented, and the capacity of the hospital increased thereby from twenty to twenty-five beds, to meet the present needs.

The Dakota Deaconess Hospital, like all other Church hospitals, bespeaks the coöperation of the pastors of the Conference in procuring suitable young women to train as nurses. A Christian hospital should have young women who are strong physically, mentally and *spiritually*.

Number of patients cared for.....	332
Surgical	214
Medical	61
Obstetrical	47
Total	332
Adults	217
Children	105
Total	332

Number of operations.....	223
Number of births.....	21
Number of deaths.....	5
Average number per day.....	11
Average number for August.....	13
Number of free patients.....	12
Number part free patients.....	20
Receipts (total)	\$10,944.60
Expenditures (total)	10,821.75
Accounts receivable	805.80
Free work	\$274.66
Compulsory charity	110.75
Total gross earnings.....	12,135.86

Subscriptions and donations.....	366.35
Supplies	190.25

HELEN WOOD, *Superintendent*.

METHODIST DEACONESS HOSPITAL

October 1, 1915 to September 21, 1916

Patients admitted during year—

Female	228
Male	232
Total	460

Surgical	263
Medical	97
Obstetrical	54
X-Ray	46
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Total	460
Deaths, surgical	3
Deaths, medical	3
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Total	6
Births	24

Patients received from nine different states, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio and Washington.

Church Affiliation

Methodist	101
Baptist	20
Catholic	45
Protestant	87
Unknown	126
Christian	4
Congregational	36
Lutheran	13
Episcopalian	8
Presbyterian	11
None	9

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending October, 1915, to September 21, 1916

Receipts

Balance on hand October 1, 1915.....	\$ 73.88
Receipts from patients.....	10,603.51
Receipts from subscriptions (Field Secretary).....	3,654.06
Receipts from subscriptions (Campaign).....	166.40
Receipts from National W. H. M. S. (Mrs. Street)...	1,383.03
Receipts from donations (churches and societies)....	421.51
Receipts from subscriptions (Minister's room).....	117.50
Receipts from subscription (elevator).....	175.00
Receipts from sundries.....	263.37
Receipts from loan.....	100.00

\$16,958.26

Disbursements

Running expenses	\$11,734.84
Field Secretary's Expense.....	1,199.82
X-Ray (monthly payments).....	492.89
Building	279.23
Bond, first mortgage.....	1,000.00

Repairs	\$ 207.32
Elevator	525.00
Notes and interest (including \$300.00 X-Ray).....	1,199.52
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	\$16,638.62
Balance on hand September 21, 1916.....	\$ 319.64
Average expense per month last year.....	\$786.55
Average expense per month this year.....	977.90
Average expense per patient this year.....	\$25.52
Average expense per patient last year.....	34.53

Free Service

At Regular Rates

Methodist ministers and families, 36 weeks.....	\$1,006.75
Other ministers, loss in half rates.....	126.14
Outsiders, 13 patients.....	547.36
Others, help, nurses, etc.....	256.50
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Total	\$1,936.75

Actual earnings were \$13,354.59, which minus our free work (\$1,936.75) leaves us more than \$5,000 short of our disbursements, thus you see the need of our friends and our Field Secretary if we make any advancement.

Improvements

We have added to our usefulness a fine Pathological Laboratory, also a complete modern Meyer X-Ray equipment (\$1,600), thus giving to our patients the best that science affords. Last month we built on a large diet kitchen, where the nurses will receive their practical lectures in dietetics, and also prepare the trays for the patients.

One hundred dollars or more has been expended in adding extra heating for engine room and elevator shaft.

Supplies

Received from church, cash.....	\$ 37.00
Received from Epworth League, cash.....	40.00
Received from W. H. M. S.....	324.03
Valuation supplies (linen, fruit, etc.).....	485.00
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Total	\$886.03

Training School for Nurses

Miss C. B. Wallin, Supervisor of Nurses

Miss S. I. Tone, Assistant Supervisor of Nurses

Eleven pupil nurses now in school.

Graduated this year.....	3
Total number of graduates.....	7

Our Training School for Nurses has enlarged so that we are obliged to rent rooms outside to house some of our nurses. We have also found it necessary to employ another graduate nurse as assistant.

Needs

First we need you, your interest—you as our friend—to work—to give. With an increase of over \$2,000 received this year from patients and yet a loss of \$1,000 comparing with last year in the total receipts, we must conclude that some of our friends are not fully realizing *how fast* we are *growing*, and that growth brings an accumulation of not just wants, but real necessities. The "needs" the Lord promises to supply *through* "those that *love* Him."

Respectfully submitted,
ELVA L. WADE, *Superintendent and Treasurer.*

AUDITING

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the treasurer's accounts and find them to be correct.

GEO. D. EGNER,
J. E. MCKINNEY,
T. B. WILBUR.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Everywhere the old order changes. The world situation to-day is new, and more urgent than ever before. Peoples are seeking with new eagerness the way of life.

We believe that the great need of the home church in order that it may duly realize its opportunity and its responsibility is the fullest knowledge possible, not only concerning the general missionary principle, but also concerning the actual fields in which its missionaries are working—the needs, the opportunities, and the victories. Moreover, the benefit on both sides of a more real sense of contact and fellowship established between our people and our representatives in the fields afar would be unmeasured. Often have missionaries borne testimony to a sense of distance and of isolation not to be entirely overcome through the contact which comes alone through official channels.

We, therefore, commend the efforts now being made by the Board of Foreign Missions, largely through its new department of world evangelism, to make available to a fuller degree, than ever before this knowledge and to establish this sense of touch and of fellowship between our home churches and the missionaries on the field. We heartily recommend to our pastors and people the agencies now rendered available to this end, namely, the two new missionary publications of the board, the *World Outlook* and the *Missionary News*.

We would also call the attention of our pastors and especially of our District Superintendents to the profit to be derived from coöperating with the board and with the department of world evangelism in the new type of district campaigns now being used, and would suggest the introduction of these campaigns on all our districts.

We appeal to all of our churches and people for a renewed consecration in prayer and in giving to the great world missionary enterprises of our

church and of our divine Lord and Master, "Who came to seek and to save that which is lost."

F. E. MORRISON, *Chairman.*

I. M. HARGETT, *Secretary.*

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST STATE HOSPITAL

The Board of Trustees of the Methodist State Hospital is able to report progress toward the establishment of this great enterprise under the auspices of the Church and Conference at Mitchell, S. D.

Following the action taken last year, the raising of funds has been carried on in connection with the Commission of Federated Interests of the Conference. To this task the executive secretary, Dr. G. T. Notson, has given his undivided attention, in conjunction with Dr. J. S. Harkness, field secretary of the Conference Claimants' Fund, with the loyal support of the District Superintendent and brethren of the Conference. The results of the campaign are submitted by the commission.

In January the campaign was put on in Mitchell to raise \$20,000, and an adequate sum to purchase the site for the hospital. For this purpose \$25,461 was raised in the city of Mitchell and since then \$4,225 has been added by the canvass of Davison County. In addition thereto, it is expected the campaign for the federated interests will yield sufficient funds to bring the amount available for the building of the new hospital to at least \$50,000.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, March 20, it was decided to employ Mr. John C. Chapman of Sioux Falls as architect to prepare plans and specifications for the new building, and it was also determined to proceed with its erection when a sum equal to \$50,000 was subscribed for that purpose.

Upon the report made of the progress of the campaign for funds, the Board of Trustees advertised for bids for the construction of the building to be submitted September 20. These were found to be at figures beyond the amount the board deemed justifiable to let a contract.

It was therefore decided to revise the plans in some particulars, without reducing the capacity of the hospital, or affecting its efficiency, thereby bringing the cost of the building equipment and site to a figure not to exceed \$85,000.

To meet this outlay it will be necessary to raise additional funds to enable the Board of Trustees to properly finance the enterprise. From the subscriptions already secured it is conservatively estimated \$30,000 will be realized within a year.

To properly care for the financial demands of the ensuing year it is expected that a bond issue amounting to \$40,000 may be floated, leaving a temporary debt of \$15,000 to be offset by the remainder of the subscriptions now in hand.

To provide for the contemplated bond issue in the ensuing years, and to bring the obligations of the institution to a figure where the management will not suffer embarrassment at the opening of the hospital, at least \$25,000 should be secured within the coming year.

Recognizing the fact that the territory which would most naturally respond to this great enterprise has been covered by a thorough canvass in behalf of the federated interests of the Conference, including the Methodist State Hospital, it is not reasonable to expect our constituency would welcome or respond to a similar canvass. Under these circumstances the executive secretary has suggested a plan to interest the organized agencies of the church in a modest way in this enterprise, thereby securing substantial assistance to the increase of the funds necessary for the building of a creditable institution to our Methodism.

This plan, with the help of new friends, who may be found will doubtless justify our hopes to complete, equip, and furnish the most complete, up-to-date hospital in our state within the coming year, provided our plans meet with your approval.

In this connection we are greatly encouraged by the official recognition of the Methodist State Hospital at Mitchell by the Northwest German Conference at its recent session, and the nomination of the Rev. W. H. Klaus of Redfield as a member of the Board of Trustees by that body. His name will be duly submitted with others for election at this time.

To successfully consummate his task, Dr. G. T. Notson, the executive officer of the institution, will need the hearty coöperation of every member of this Conference. With proper support upon the part of all our brethren, we shall build an institution worthy of Protestantism and our beloved church.

We urge the united support of every pastor to this great undertaking and bespeak for the executive secretary and the Board of Trustees your prayers and coöperative sympathy.

Trustees Methodist State Hospital for three years—Lewis Shuster, P. O. Bunt, W. H. Klaus, C. E. Matteson.

J. S. HOAGLAND, *President.*
LEWIS SHUSTER, *Secretary.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE

With deep gratitude to God for his blessing upon our Leagues in their efforts to develop the young life of our church for Christ; and believing this year should be made a very fruitful year for the Kingdom, we call upon our Leaguers to dedicate anew their lives to this glorious work.

We recommend the observance of spiritual meetings to this end; and that study classes be organized in all our chapters as far as possible.

We further recommend that the plan for our district convention, carried out last year so successfully, shall again be arranged for this year throughout our Conference.

C. B. HARROLD, *Chairman.*
FRED H. RAY, *Secretary.*

RESOLUTIONS

We, the Dakota Conference, in this our thirty-first annual assembly in Watertown, do hereby offer the following resolutions:

1. That we recognize and appreciate the splendid hospitality extended to us by the Rev. F. F. Lewis and the members and friends of his church.

2. That in the presidency of Charles B. Mitchell we have met with a man, a brother, and a Christian gentleman, and that we will be highly gratified if he shall be returned to preside over our session for the year 1917.

3. We remember with great pleasure the cheerful presence and labor of love of our late beloved Bishop Luccock. We wish to express our appreciation of his splendid services among us, also our regrets at his departure at the height of his usefulness. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his loved ones and commend them to the care of our Heavenly Father.

4. That we express our appreciation to the Northwestern Railway Company for courtesies granted to members of our Conference.

5. We wish to congratulate the pastor and people of this congregation upon their splendid achievement in the construction of this beautiful and commodious temple erected for the worship of God.

6. We wish to express our appreciation of and to return thanks to the secretaries, treasurer and his assistants, statisticians, railroad secretary, Conference postmaster, and all others who have assisted in making this one of our most successful sessions.

7. That we wish to thank Almighty God that while a large portion of the world is suffering from the most cruel war and extensive bloodshed in all history, the rulers of our republic have succeeded in so guiding the ship of state that peace has been within our borders and prosperity within our gates. We stand committed to the program of international peace and arbitration, and opposed to a great military preparedness which might provoke war between ourselves and our neighbors.

8. We stand committed to an unrelenting warfare between now and election time and at all other times against the accursed institution in our midst known as the liquor saloon; we stand committed to all those organizations that are fighting to eliminate it from our state and our nation.

A. M. LOTT, *Chairman*,
A. W. THURSTON, *Secretary*.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY

As a result of the work of this society, through fifty years, we have 350,000 colored members and 2,000 ministers to supply these with pastors and intelligent Christian leaders. The uplift of a race means moral and spiritual standards in accordance with the teachings of Jesus, and these are secured for a large part of our colored population through the twenty-one Christian schools of our church. Therefore these schools should be made stronger.

We recommend that each pastor observe Lincoln Day as directed by the General Conference, and that the literature of the society be distributed in our Sunday Schools and public congregations. This literature can be secured, without cost, by request to the office of the society at 220 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

T. S. BASSETT, *Chairman*,
R. B. HUGHES, *Secretary*.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Redfield, S. D., September 28, 1916.

Report of the treasurer for the Conference year of 1915-16:

Receipts

Nov. 11, 1915, Draft received for donation Jordan St. Church.....	\$ 500.00
Jan. 5, 1916, Draft for First Quarter Missionary Appropriation ...	3,500.00
Mar. 2, 1916, Draft received for donation Broadland Church.....	200.00
Mar. 14, 1916, Draft received for loan Gettysburg Church	5,000.00
Mar. 31, 1916, Draft received for donation Winner Church	500.00
Apr. 8, 1916, Draft for Second Quarter Missionary Appropriation..	3,500.00
June 14, 1916, Draft received for donation Agar Church	250.00
July 5, 1916, Draft for Third Quarter Missionary Appropriation..	3,500.00
Aug. 19, 1916, Draft received for donation Newell Church.....	250.00
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	\$17,200.00

Disbursements

Nov. 12, 1915, Sent draft for Jordan St. Church to G. W. Rosen- berry	\$ 500.00
Jan. 5, 1916, Sent Missionary Appropriations as follows (First Quarter) :	
Rev. P. O. Bunt	826.58
W. S. Shepherd	494.77
C. E. Matteson	1,653.17
G. W. Rosenberry	242.07
O. E. Boyce	283.41
Mar. 2, 1916, Sent draft for Broadland Church to O. E. Boyce	200.00
Mar. 14, 1916, Sent draft for loan Gettysburg Church to N. P. John- son	5,000.00
Mar. 31, 1916, Sent draft for Winner Church to W. S. Shepherd ...	500.00
Apr. 8, 1916, Sent Missionary Appropriations as above (Second Quarter)	3,500.00
June 14, 1916, Sent draft for Agar Church to Pastor Agar Church.	250.00
July 5, 1916, Sent Missionary Appropriations as above (Third Quarter)	3,500.00
Aug. 19, 1916, Sent draft for Newell Church to C. E. Matteson.....	250.00
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	\$17,200.00

The Missionary Appropriation, \$3,500, for the fourth quarter will be in in a few days, and will be distributed on the same basis as the other quarterly payments for the year.

Very respectfully submitted,

U. G. JOHNSON, *Treasurer.*

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

The following amounts have been received:

Reported from the charges	\$4,818.00
Received from the Book Concern	2,246.00

Received from the Connectional Fund	200.00
Received from the Rose Fund	34.00
Received from interest	\$1,525.00

\$8,823.00

Remitting to the Connectional Board five per cent of collections (\$241) leaves \$8,582 to be distributed to our claimants.

We recommend that the following distribution be made:

To the Connectional Board	\$ 241.00
A. E. Carhart, Mitchell	300.00
D. W. Chamberlain, Scotland	250.00
G. J. Corwin, Centerville	220.00
C. B. Clark, Hot Springs	300.00
E. E. Dean, Huron	200.00
W. D. Deeble, Columbia	300.00
W. I. Graham, Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	Claim Surrendered
W. O. Gram, Bath	160.00
J. G. Hall, Holtville, Cal.	200.00
L. Hartsough, Mount Vernon, Ia.	525.00
A. Jamison, Correctionville, Ia.	500.00
A. S. Loveall, Glenn, Cal.	300.00
R. C. McReynolds, Birmingham, Ala.	200.00
T. Simmons, Faulkton	350.00
A. E. Tanner, Mitchell	275.00
J. A. Willey, Christina, Mont.	225.00
T. H. Youngman, Canon City, Colo.	300.00
Mrs. S. F. Brown, Hamilton, N. Y.....	225.00
Mrs. Myra Coon, Devils Lake, N. D.	180.00
Mrs. Anna Cooper, 2 Talbot View, Burley, Leeds, England.....	265.00
Mrs. Achsah B. Curl, 766 E. 15th St., Oakland, Cal.....	225.00
Mrs. A. V. Fawell, 2940 Starr St., Lincoln, Neb.	185.00
Mrs. Frank Fox, Redfield	185.00
Mrs. Kate Hoadley, 612 Bright St., Seattle, Wash.	210.00
Mrs. Mary Holgate, Redfield	325.00
Mrs. L. McLean, 5614 Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill.	225.00
Mrs. W. F. Minty, Woonsocket	220.00
Mrs. F. J. Norton, Mitchell	240.00
Mrs. O. A. Phillips, Mitchell	400.00
Mrs. D. Rifenbark, White Lake	275.00
Mrs. H. M. Springer, Evarts, Vt.	185.00
Mrs. T. H. Walker, Heber Springs, Ark.	225.00
Mrs. Thos. Wilkinson, Siloam Springs, Ark.	200.00
Mrs. Mary Washburn, 4508 N. Robey St., Chicago, Ill.....	200.00
Held in reserve in hands of Conference Treasurer	7.00

Total\$8,823.00

The new rules for computing annuities, ordered by the recent General Conference, give the following results:

Nearly all the high salaries are retained in the present computation, while most of the low salaries are eliminated.

The rate of annuity that should now be paid is \$16 for each year of service instead of a much less amount as in former years.

The number of years for which annuities should now be paid is 787. If the funds at hand would warrant paying the full amount this year it would require \$12,592. As might be expected, the payment in full of all annuities would eliminate nearly all cases of urgent necessity. Therefore not much more than \$13,000 would be required to meet all demands under conditions as they exist to-day.

From this time forward we may expect a steady, but not very rapid, increase in revenues from invested funds. Probably we shall, before very long, reach a basis of three thousand to four thousand dollars from interest on invested funds. If other sources of income remain as now, we will still fall about \$2,000 short of the ideal toward which we are aiming.

To meet the lack we must continue to press collections to the proper limit, though the increase required will not be great if all the charges report as faithfully as they should and prorating is religiously observed.

It is important to keep in mind that the number of claimants may be expected to increase as the years go by.

It is the judgment of the Board of Stewards that no brother under sixty-five or seventy years of age, unless for the best of reasons, should abandon his calling as an ambassador of Jesus Christ with any view to securing a share in the Conference funds.

We recommend that the charges be asked to bring up four per cent of pastors' cash salaries next year.

W. O. REDFIELD, *Chairman*,
R. E. BRUCE, *Secretary*.

CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON FEDERATED INTERESTS

At the session of the Conference held at Sioux Falls last year the following named were elected as members of the Commission on Federation of Conference Interests:

At large—Dr. J. P. Jenkins, Rev. P. O. Bunt, W. T. McConnell.

Conference Board of Trustees—Dr. W. S. Shepherd, Rev. G. W. Rosenberry, Rev. A. E. Carhart.

Board of Trustees, Methodist State Hospital—Dr. J. S. Hoagland, Dr. J. W. Potter, S. E. Morris.

This commission met for organization and formulation of a campaign in behalf of the outstanding needs of Methodism in South Dakota at Mitchell, S. D., on Monday, November 8, 1915, and perfected an organization by electing Dr. W. S. Shepherd president and Mr. S. E. Morris secretary. After prayerful deliberation the following was adopted as the

Plan of Campaign for the Federated Funds of the Dakota Conference

First: That the appeal for these funds, viz.: the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund, the Methodist State Hospital and other interests be federated and the Conference Board of Trustees be made the agent of all interests.

Second: These funds to be divided upon the basis agreed to and adopted by the Dakota Annual Conference, as follows: The Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund, \$60,000, the Methodist State Hospital, outside of Mitchell and vicinity, \$30,000, and for the assistance of pressing cases within the Conference demanding immediate assistance, \$10,000. Total, \$100,000.

Third: From the \$100,000 named above, \$1,000 should be set aside for the relief of the Gettysburg Church and \$3,000 for the Pierre Church. These appropriations to be made on condition that all indebtedness of these churches be met save the amount to be loaned by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to these respective organizations, the remaining \$6,000 shall be available for the expenses of the campaign.

Fourth: In order to make possible the saving of the churches at Pierre and Gettysburg now jeopardized by debt, we recommend to the Conference Board of Trustees that a loan be secured sufficient to cover these gifts, the same to be paid from the cash receipts of the Federated Funds.

Fifth: Recognizing the greatness of the task as well as the importance of the completion of the same during the year, we believe it to be absolutely essential to the success of the campaign, that the entire Conference, under the leadership of the District Superintendents coöperating with the Secretaries of the Boards uniting in the Federated movement shall render all assistance possible in an intensive campaign reaching every member and friend of these causes by a personal canvass.

Sixth: We further recommend that a simultaneous canvass be undertaken throughout the whole Conference territory under the direction and leadership of the District Superintendent, with such assistance as this commission may be able to give, covering the months of February, March and April, also

Seventh: That a publicity campaign be inaugurated, as soon as practicable, under the direction of the Secretaries of the respective boards.

Following the above plan an intensive campaign was put on throughout the Conference during the months of February, March and April, and because of weather conditions and unavoidable delays was extended throughout the month of June. Since that time the Secretaries, Dr. J. S. Harkness and Dr. G. T. Notson have given their time to completing the canvass in the Aberdeen, Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Watertown Districts.

The minimum goal was fixed at 50 per cent of the amount raised for ministerial support and the members of the Conference were asked to contribute on the basis of 10 per cent of their salaries to these funds. Not all of the Conference members have responded, but with few exceptions the brethren have accepted this request of the Secretaries on behalf of the Commission.

Every Conference member should do this.

The Results of the Campaign

The following is the result of the campaign to date:

	Minimum	Final
District. Superintendent.	Goal.	Report.
Aberdeen, P. O. Bunt.....	\$17,800	\$17,917
*Mitchell, W. S. Shepherd.....	16,633	14,781

Sioux Falls, G. W. Rosenberry.....	20,765	13,456
Watertown, O. E. Boyce.....	18,785	14,607

*Not including Ethan and Mount Vernon.

Total	\$ 60,761
Ministers' notes	9,467
Estate notes	6,800
Legacies	5,500
Mitchell and Davison County.....	29,686

Total result of campaign.....\$112,814

The Commission provided the means, following the plans outlined to care for the imperiled churches at Pierre and Gettysburg, appropriating \$3,000 to the first named church and \$1,000 to the latter.

The Commission on Federated Interests wishes to express its appreciation of all who have united in making the results of the campaign possible.

The Commission recommends after a proper division of all the funds raised in this campaign, the Commission be dissolved and the interests federated be cared for hereafter under the direction of the respective Boards.

W. S. SHEPHERD, *Chairman.*
S. E. MORRIS, *Secretary.*

DEACONESS BOARD OF NINE

The reports from the Dakota Deaconess Hospital of Brookings and the Methodist Deaconess Hospital at Rapid City record a year of increased service and enlarged prosperity under the blessing of God. The number of cases treated, both medical and surgical, and the extremely low death rate, together with the improved equipment necessitated by the demands of the work and made possible by increased income, notwithstanding the large amount of free work done in both institutions—all these are cause for devout thankfulness on the part of every Methodist in the state.

The licenses of the following deaconesses were renewed: Eleanor S. Moore, Sarah B. Simmons, Dora Bridges, Cornelia A. Rodenfels, Minnie Williamson, Elva L. Wade and Grace M. Bayne. On account of continued ill health on the part of Deaconess Winnie Crouch, her request for an honorable discharge was regretfully granted. The board has received and recorded the transfer of Deaconess Minnie Williamson from the Southern Illinois Conference.

The attention of the board has been drawn to the lack of young women of suitable qualifications that are seeking the service of the Kingdom through the channels of the deaconess movement, and we urge our pastors to remember this great need and to present the claims of this work to the consideration of the young women of their charges.

R. G. MINKLER, *President.*
H. G. OZANNE, *Secretary.*

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We rejoice in the progress made during the past year by the Woman's Home Missionary Society and are glad to note the increase in organizations as well as increase in offerings received.

We wish to emphasize the importance of the work of the society and to urge the pastors to give hearty support and coöperation to the same and to open their Churches to its representatives.

Inasmuch as there seems to be a lack of definite information on the work of Home Missions, the pastors are urged to preach sermons that will bring this cause before their people.

South Dakota has within her borders Home Mission fields where Churches are kept open through help received from this society and there are promising fields yet unoccupied by our Church for lack of help.

May next year see a marked increase both in interest and work accomplished by the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

C. B. HARROLD, *President.*

J. S. ELLIS, *Secretary.*

E. O. MACHEMER.

EVANGELISM

Realizing the great need of a forward movement throughout our Church to bring lost souls to Christ, and believing the time has come for our churches to take an advanced step in that direction; we, your committee, recommend that our pastors hold a revival meeting on every charge and so far as possible in every church or preaching point throughout our Conference during the year, and that special effort shall be made and special interest taken in our Sunday School and young people's societies to bring all the young people to Christ.

We further recommend that our Bishop appoint to this special field of work a member of this Conference, and that this office shall be known as "Secretary on Evangelism for Dakota Conference."

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. BRUCE, *Chairman.*

F. H. RAY, *Secretary.*

Plan of Conference Examinations

Members of the Board

Chairman.....A. E. Buriff
Vice-chairman.....C. V. Gilliland, Mitchell, South Dakota
Registrar.....Albert Hartt, Redfield, South Dakota
C. E. Wilcox, A. E. Buriff, C. V. Gilliland, Albert Hartt, J. P. Jenkins,
T. B. Wilbur, R. C. Shearer, R. G. Minkler, A. W. Thurston, O. W. But-
terfield, H. G. Ozanne, H. W. Minish.

Rules

1. The Board of Examiners, consisting of twelve members, shall be appointed, organized and conducted according to the disciplinary plan, paragraph 598 of Discipline.
2. SECTION 1. Only the mid-year examinations and examinations at the seat of the annual Conference shall be held, except that undergraduates conditioned upon any books may have the privilege of taking examinations upon said books at any time which may suit the convenience of respective examiners having charge of such books.
SECTION 2. Examinations in the following studies will be given at the mid-year meetings of ministerial associations or district Conferences: Admission on Trial; "American History," "Life of John Wesley," "Plain Account of Christian Perfection."
First Year—"N. T. History," "Human Behavior," "How to Study."
Second Year—"History of Christian Church," "Pupil and Teacher."
Third Year—"Beacon Lights of Prophecy," "Foundation of Christian Belief."
Fourth Year—"Paul and His Epistles," "Everyday Ethics."
3. Candidates for local deacon's and local elder's orders shall conform to the requirement of the Discipline, paragraph 602.
4. In case of the unavoidable absence of any examiner from the meeting of the board, he shall forward his lists of questions to the chairman, who shall arrange for the examinations.
5. All essays and sermons shall be forwarded to the respective examiners at least one month before the date of the annual conference.
6. A copy of the plan, together with detailed schedule of studies and assignments of examiners shall be printed in the Conference Journal.
7. The chairman shall arrange a schedule for the annual examinations.
8. No candidate shall be entitled to advance classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or in three books to be read, or in one to be studied and two to be read; and no candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification until he has brought up the work in which he is delinquent.

9. All candidates desiring credits from any institution of learning are required to submit the record of such work to the Board of Examiners at the earliest possible opportunity. We suggest that no one defer the preparation of presented work while awaiting the action of the board.

10. The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods here presented; but before they become valid, or are used or published by the board, all proposed changes shall be accepted by the Conference.

**11. It is the sense of the Board of Examiners that all men in good health be required to complete the course of study in the time prescribed. We further request the District Superintendents to see that the undergraduates on their respective district comply with the above requirements.

**Attention is called to the action of the Conference of 1914: "That any man who does not complete the first two years of the Conference Course of Study in four years shall be discontinued. Page 29 Conference Minutes of 1914.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND EXAMINERS

Examiners	Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
A. E. Buriff.....	English Language and Paper	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. V. Gilliland.....	.....	.....	.....	**Foundations of Christian Belief	Christian Doctrine
C. E. Wilcox.....	Doctrine and Discipline	.....	.....	.....	New Home Mis- sions, A and B
J. P. Jenkins.....	*American History	.....	.....	.....	*Paul and His Epistles
T. B. Wilber.....	.....	.....	Dictionary of the Bible, etc.	.....	.....
R. C. Shearer.....	*Christian Perfection	N. T. History	.....	.....	.....
R. G. Minkler.....	*Life of Wesley	.....	*History of the Christian Church	.....	.....
A. W. Thurston.....	.....	Making of the Sermon	*.....	.....	*Everyday Ethics
O. W. Butterfield....	.....	.....	The Way to Win	*Beacon Lights of Prophecy	.....
H. W. Minish.....	.....	*How to Study	*Pupil and Teacher	.....	.....
H. G. Ozanne.....	.....	*Human Behavior	.....	Socialism and Modern Social Problems, A and B	.....
Albert Hartt.....	Sermon	.....	Graded Sunday School	Comparative Re- ligion	.....

Memoirs

MRS. ERNEST REDMAYNE

Susannah Shakleton Redmayne was born November 26, 1882, at Nelson, Lancashire, England. She was blessed with a godly father and mother, and through their influence she was led in early life to dedicate her life to the service of Jesus Christ. She became an active worker in the Sunday School and the Christian Endeavor at an early age, and her young womanhood was full of good works. In August, 1908, she was united in marriage with Rev. Ernest Redmayne, who was then pastor of the Summit (S. D.) charge, on the Watertown District. Since then she has assisted her husband in his work at Leola four years, and in Corona three years, and recently at Frederick, S. D., and wherever she has been she has won for herself many friends by her pleasing manner and substantial Christian character. She was the mother of four pleasing children, two girls and two boys, one of whom "Little Billy," went to his rest just two weeks before she was called home, and she leaves to mourn her loss the husband and three small children. She became ill on July 31, and in spite of all that medical skill and careful nursing could accomplish, she entered into rest on Saturday morning, August 25, 1916, aged thirty-three years and ten months.

Just three weeks ago we recorded the passing of "Little Billy," the light of the parsonage home, and Mrs. Redmayne's death, following so closely, comes as a shock indeed to the community and to the many friends of the family throughout the state, for until within a few days of her death she was not thought to be in so serious a condition, and the end came so quickly that friends outside of town could not be advised of her condition.

Mrs. Redmayne, on account of her family of small children, was tied very closely at home, and was not widely known socially, and could not take the active part in church work that she wished to, but in her quiet, motherly, unassuming Christian manner she won a host of friends, and to be stricken just in the prime of her years and of her activity is a calamity indeed, not alone to the parsonage home, but to the entire community.

Owing to the seriousness of Mrs. Redmayne's condition, Aberdeen doctors were called in consultation with our local physician, and a trained nurse was constantly in attendance, and all that medical skill could devise was done to save her life, but all to no avail.

On account of the serious strain which the family has been under for weeks, it was thought best to have an early interment, and the funeral service was held Sunday afternoon upon the lawn at the parsonage residence, and many friends of the family were present and showed their respect, both by their presence and by the bounteous floral offerings exhibited. Rev. P. O. Hunt, the superintendent of the Aberdeen District of the Methodist Church, had charge of the service.

The interest and sympathy of the community has been aroused by the passing of the two members of this family within so short a time, as perhaps we have never before experienced, and it is needless to say that Reverend Redmayne and little children have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their severe affliction.

"When over flowery vales I leap with joy,
 Let me not devastate, nor destroy;
 But rather leave them fairer to the sight;
 Mine be the lot to comfort and delight.
 And if down awful chasms I needs must leap
 Let me not murmur at my lot, but sweep
 On bravely to the end without one fear,
 Knowing that he who planned my way stands near,
 Love sent me forth, to Love I go again;
 For Love is all, and over all. Amen."

MARGARET E. BROMAGHIM

Margaret E. Bromaghim was born near Matilda, Ontario, Canada, September 16, 1864. When three years of age she moved with her parents to St. Lawrence County, New York, where she continued to reside until the spring of 1886 when she came to South Dakota. She was a resident of this state until Sunday morning, October 15, 1915, when she left us to be forever with her Lord, at the age of fifty-one years and one month.

On December 28, 1887, she was united in marriage to Frank L. Bromaghim of Spink County, South Dakota. To them has been born one son, Floyd W. now fifteen years of age.

In the fall of 1891 Rev. and Mrs. Bromaghim accepted their first pastorate in the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were appointed to the Leola charge, which they served for two years. Then followed two years of service on the Hecla charge, seven years at Warner, and thirteen years at DeVoe. During all these years Sister Bromaghim was a true helpmeet to her husband in his work, and by her beautiful Christian life and sacrificial service has gladdened many hearts, winning them for her Master, and has exalted the Christ whom she loved and served. Sister Bromaghim was taught to pray by her Christian parents, and always had the habit of prayer. When about fifteen years of age she was converted at a prayer meeting, and soon after united with the Congregational Church at Lisbon, N. Y., continuing a member of the same until coming to South Dakota in 1886, when she transferred her membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Conde, S. D. Sister Bromaghim loved her Lord and His work, and no sacrifice was too great for His sake and the people to whom she ministered. She was one of the elect who adorned her profession by a godly life. She was a generous contributor to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and all the benvolences of the church, and one of her last acts was an agreement with her husband that they should give \$1,000 to the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund of the Dakota Conference. This was the first gift received in our campaign, and was given by Brother Bromaghim on the day of the funeral.

Christian fortitude and resignation, amid the suffering of the last two years of her life, bore silent testimony to a sublime faith and sustaining grace, and finally she triumphed exultantly. A host of friends mourn her departure while we rejoice to know that she has entered into the rewards of her labor.

"Why should we call this dying,
This sweet passing away
Out of the shadow
Into the sunshine of eternal day?
One by one they leave us
For the other shore,
By and by they'll greet us,
Where we'll meet to part no more."

MRS. LORNE A. McDONALD

Ida May Rockwell was born at Bridgewater, S. D., October 23, 1884. Here she spent her girlhood days, and graduated from the high schools of that place in 1903. Afterward she taught school and in many ways made herself an influential factor for good in the community life as an active worker in the church, Sunday School and Epworth League.

Being a member of the Methodist Church all her life, and always enthusiastic in that line of work, it is not strange that she should become the wife of a minister of the gospel. She was united in marriage to Rev. L. A. McDonald, October 18, 1904, and became to him not only a sweet and lovable consort and companion, but also a faithful helpmate and associate in work of the church and the cause of God, to which they had both consecrated their lives.

During their married life Brother and Sister McDonald have resided one year each at Wagner, Springfield and New Underwood, two years at Highmore, three years at Chamberlain and two at Wakonda, at each of which places he has held Pastoral appointments. While the family lived at Underwood, Mrs. McDonald, with her little boy as companion lived on a claim out in the country while her husband taught school and was pastor of the local church.

For several years Sister McDonald was in frail health. As her condition grew more serious she longed to live for the sake of her loved ones and the joy of service. She suffered an attack of the grip in the month of December, from which she was unable to rally, and passed quietly and peacefully away in harmony with the beautiful life she had lived, early Friday morning, December 31, 1915.

In her departure Mrs. McDonald leaves her husband and only child, a promising lad of nine years, father and mother, one sister and a brother, besides a large circle of warm friends wherever she lived.

The funeral services were held in our church at Wakonda, Sunday afternoon, January 2, 1916, the services being conducted by the Rev. G. W. Rosenberry, District Superintendent of the Sioux Falls District, assisted by the Rev. Nels Fanebust, pastor of our church at Parker, both of whom spoke of her beautiful life and character.

The brethren of the Conference join in their sympathy and prayers for our Brother McDonald and his little son Florin in the great loss they have sustained in the death of this beloved wife and mother.

Sister McDonald was a most beautiful character. She lived a life of intense devotion to our Lord's work.

She was an ideal minister's wife.

She will be remembered by very many who were influenced for good by her holy life and active influence.

Heaven was made richer and earth poorer when this good woman entered the Gates of Pearl on the last day of the old year, 1915.

MRS. W. H. CORY

Alinda Stowell was born July 2, 1847, died at Chehalis, Wash., August 8, 1916, aged sixty-nine years, one month and six days.

In the year 1876 she was united in marriage to William Henry Cory, and with him entered the itinerancy in the Dakota Conference in 1888.

She was a faithful helpmeet in all the labors of her husband, who served acceptably as a pastor within the bounds of this Conference for thirteen years.

Brother Cory's health broke at the end of this period and they moved to Seattle, Wash., where they resided until 1904, when Brother Cory triumphantly entered into the better life.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Cory moved to Chehalis, Wash., to be near her son and family and resided there until her death.

The funeral services were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in Chehalis, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. E. J. Smith, on Thursday, August 10, after which her body was taken for burial to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Seattle, Wash.

Here brief services were conducted in the presence of a number of old friends at Seattle.

Mrs. Cory was a faithful, efficient and loyal worker in the Church, and she will be sorely missed by those with whom she has had sweet fellowship in the Master's service.

Her only son, Arthur S. Cory, an honored layman in the Church, his wife and two children with many friends who have known and loved this departed sister, mourn her departure.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY

Name	Place of Death	Time of Death.	Age	Years in Ministry	Conference Relation
John M. Rust.....	Vermilion, D.....	1871	41	15	..... Effective
Thomas M. Williams..	Bridgewater, D.....	1881	50	24	..... Effective
William H. Hoadley....	Huron, D.....	1886	51	16	... Supernum.
T. S. Hunt.....	Aurora, Ind.....	1887	57	16	..... Effective
Wm. H. Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76	..	..... Effective
Wm. Vivian	San Fernando, Cal... 1888	45	8	...	Supernum.
Chas. B. Gilbert.....	St. Catherine, Can.. 1889	..	1	..	Probationer
Stanley B. Smith.....	Pierpont, S. D..... 1889	..	1	..	Probationer
Ira A. Sparks.....	Armour, S. D.....	1894	29	9	..... Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown...	Thomasburg, Ont.... 1894	32	6	.....	Superan.
Geo. B. Dodd.....	Colman, S. D.....	1895	36	2	.. Probationer
Nathan Fawell.....	Black Hills.....	1897	34	6	..... Effective
A. R. Boggs.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1899	64	29	..... Superan.
Oliver H. Sproul.....	Northville, S. D.... 1899	53	26	.....	Effective
Francis A. Burdick....	University Pl., Neb.. 1900	28	43	.....	Superan.
H. T. Curl.....	Oakland, Cal.....	1901	60	33	..... Superan.
Hiram S. Coon.....	Kampeska, S. D.... 1902	45	6	.....	Effective
Colin T. Cooper.....	Faulton, S. D.....	1903	35	4	..... Effective
Geo. H. Parker.....	Andover, S. D.....	1903	35	8	..... Effective
Sanford Washburn....	Chicago, Ill.....	1904	74	41	..... Superan.
Francis T. Nichols....	Alcester, S. D.....	1904	46	15	..... Effective
William H. Cory.....	Seattle, Wash.....	1904	54	19	... Supernum.
Wm. Underwood.....	White Lake, S. D.... 1906	74	53	.....	Superan.
Lachlan McLean.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1907	59	26	..... Effective
Thomas H. Walker....	Siloam Springs, Ark. 1908	72	36	.....	Superan.
Samuel F. Brown.....	Selby, S. D.....	1908	83	49	..... Superan.
Henry Preston.....	DeSmet, S. D.....	1909	40	10	..... Effective
W. F. Minty.....	Ethan, S. D.....	1911	67	38	..... Superan.
Oliver Williams.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1910	75	45	..... Superan.
Frank Fox.....	Des Moines, Ia.....	1911	45	13	... Supernum.
Henry M. Springer....	Hartford, Vt.....	1913	70	52	..... Retired
Francis J. Norton.....	Yankton, S. D.....	1912	61	..	..... Retired
Thos. Wilkinson.....	Siloam Springs, Ark. 1914	76	44	.....	Retired
Duane Rifenbark.....	Big Stone City, S. D. 1915	66	35	.....	Retired
Reuben N. Kratz.....	Sterling, O.....	1914	69	..	... Supernum.
Ernest Holgate.....	Redfield, S. D.....	1915	..	11	..... Effective

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE

Date	Place	President	Mem'rs	Secretary
Sept., 1880,	Yankton	Bishop Warren	1050	... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1881,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Hurst	1366	... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1882,	Parker	Bishop Merrill	1504	... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1883,	Huron	Bishop Simpson	2782	.... D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1884,	Mitchell	Bishop Andrews	4469	.... D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1885,	Blunt	Bishop Foss	5209	.... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1886,	Watertown	Bishop Bowman	6565	.... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1887,	Aberdeen	Bishop Fowler	8225	.... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1888,	Yankton	Bishop Walden	9474	.... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1889,	Huron	Bishop Vincent	10526	... W. H. Jordan
Oct., 1890,	Mitchell	Bishop Fitzgerald	9663	... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1891,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Foss	9006	.. A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1892,	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	9170	.. A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1893,	Brookings	Bishop Ninde	9749	... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1894,	Watertown	Bishop Fowler	10094	... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1895,	Aberdeen	Bishop Joyce	9510	.... C. H. Smith
Oct., 1896,	Vermilion	Bishop Vincent	9335	.... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1897,	Mitchell	Bishop Warren	9269	.... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1898,	Parker	Bishop McCabe	10429	.... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1899,	Huron	Bishop Hurst	10960	.... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1900,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Merrill	11324	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1901,	Milbank	Bishop Foss	11430	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1902,	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	11187	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1903,	Aberdeen	Bishop Walden	11440	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1904,	Mitchell	Bishop Hamilton	11881	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1905,	Watertown	Bishop Warren	12522	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1906,	Brookings	Bishop Cranston	12766	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1907,	Vermilion	Bishop McDowell	13402	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1908,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Wilson	14759	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1909,	Huron	Bishop Nuelsen	15673	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1910,	Mitchell	Bishop Nuelsen	16242	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1911,	Aberdeen	Bishop McIntyre	15751	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1912,	Yankton	Bishop Luccock	16349	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1913,	Redfield	Bishop Luccock	18592	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1914,	Wessington Springs	Bishop Luccock	18814	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1915,	Sioux Falls.....	Bishop Quayle	19214	.... G. D. Brown
Sept., 1916,	Watertown.....	Bishop Mitchell	19667	.... G. D. Brown

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES OF DAKOTA
CONFERENCE

1888

Ministerial

Wm. Bush, D.D., Mitchell, S. D.
A. D. Traveller, D.D., Watertown,
S. D., reserve

Laymen

D. W. Diggs, Milbank, S. D.
Mrs. I. M. Hartsough, Sioux Falls,
reserve

1892

C. B. Clark, D.D., Mitchell
A. W. Adkinson, Watertown
W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls, reserve
F. A. Burdick, Aberdeen, reserve

H. E. Kratz, Vermilion
E. T. Langley, Huron
D. W. Diggs, Milbank, reserve
T. W. P. Lee, Ashton, reserve

1896

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
C. B. Clark, Huron
C. E. Hager, Vermilion, reserve
J. S. Akers, Aberdeen, reserve

W. F. T. Bushnell, Aberdeen
R. N. Kratz, Mitchell
A. B. Van Camp, Highmore, reserve
Mrs. A. M. Pickler, Faulkton, re-
serve

1900

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
T. H. Youngman, Mitchell
C. E. Hager, Mitchell, reserve
J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls, reserve

S. E. Morris, Redfield
H. S. Mouser, Redfield
H. G. Tilton, Vermilion, reserve
R. N. Kratz, Mitchell, reserve

1904

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
Duane Rifenbark, Watertown
C. E. Hager, Mitchell, reserve
J. O. Dobson, Huron, reserve

H. G. Tilton, Vermilion
Ira A. Barns, Aberdeen
H. S. Mouser, Huron, reserve
S. E. Morris, Redfield, reserve
Nathan Noble, Centerville, reserve

1908

Thos. Nicholson, Mitchell
J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls
J. O. Dobson, Mitchell
W. I. Graham, Watertown, reserve
C. E. Hager, Huron, reserve

S. E. Morris, Mitchell
H. G. Tilton, Vermilion
G. F. Knappen, Brookings
Dr. W. E. Daniels, Madison, reserve
Phillip Lawrence, Huron, reserve

1912

Thos. Nicholson, New York
G. T. Notson, Huron
A. C. Shepherd, Sioux Falls
J. P. Jenkins, Mitchell, reserve
J. S. Hoagland, Mitchell, reserve

R. S. Vessey, Pierre
S. E. Morris, Mitchell
W. E. Carpenter, Andover
F. S. Brown, Doland, reserve
J. M. Johnston, Bradley, reserve

1916

Thomas Nicholson, New York
J. S. Hoagland, Mitchell
J. S. Harkness, Mitchell
O. E. Boyce, Huron, reserve
G. T. Notson, Mitchell, reserve

W. T. McConnell, Wessington
Springs
W. E. Carpenter, Andover
W. E. Daniels, Madison
E. E. Collins, Vermilion, reserve
J. M. Johnston, Bradley, reserve
Dr. Fred Minty, Rapid City, reserve

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION

Aberdeen District

Agar	\$ 200	Mellette	\$ 250
Ashton	100	Northville	100
Bristol	75	Rockham	50
Bowdle	150	Seneca	200
Cresbard	75	Selby	50
Corona and Twin Brooks	150	Timberlake, Lemmon and	
De Voe	200	Cheney	300
Frederick	200	Westport	150
Gettysburg	100	White Rock	100
Langford	200		
Leola	200		
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			\$2,800

Mitchell District

Artesian	\$ 160	Lane	\$ 100
Dallas and Colome	235	Letcher	140
Gregory	170	Paxton Circuit	210
Herrick and St. Charles	210	Springfield	160
Iona and Hamill	200	Winner	230
Kimball	120		
Lake View Circuit	210		
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			\$2,145

Rapid City District

Belle Fourche	\$ 200	Oral	\$ 250
Boneita Springs	150	Philip	250
Caputa	250	Piedmont	300
Custer	200	Plainview	200
Draper	200	Presho	250
Edgemont	200	Quinn and Wall	250
Fairburn	100	Reliance	200
Harding	300	Sturgis	200
Kadoka	100	Terry	200
Kennebec	300	Weta and Interior	175
Midland	300	District Evangelist	500
Murdo	200	District	1,200
Newell	250		
Nowlin	300		
Oelrichs	200		
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			\$7,225

Sioux Falls District

Alcester	\$ 100	Hudson	\$ 100
Centerville	125	Lennox	50
Chester	125	Irene	100
Colton	100	Junius	100
Davis	150	Richland	75
Ellis	100		
East Side	200		
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			\$1,325

Watertown District

Aurora	\$ 100	Chapelle Circuit	\$ 100
Blunt	100	Gary	50
Broadland	100	Oldham	100
Bruce	100	Pierre	100
Castlewood	100	St. Lawrence	100
Cavour	100	Wessington	100
Clear Lake	100		
DeSmet	100		
Esmond	100		
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			\$1,450

Record of Membership

NOTE—When a Conference is mentioned in connection with a member's record, all transactions that follow are in the same Conference until another Conference is mentioned.

Allen, Eugene, transferred from North Indiana 1916.

Alley, Henry C., transferred from Northwest Indiana 1915. Deacon 1915. Undergraduate.

Bassett, T. S., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa, probation 1894, full member 1896, transferred to Dakota 1914. Deacon 1896. Elder 1898.

Beardsley, A. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1910, probation 1911, full member 1914. Deacon 1914. Elder 1916. (Ordained elsewhere).

Bennett, A. E., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1908, transferred to Dakota 1908.

Black, W. A., entered itinerancy Troy 1881, probation 1882, full member 1884, transferred to Northwest Iowa 1886, to Des Moines 1908, to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1884. Elder 1886.

Book, G. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1912, full member 1914. Deacon 1914. Undergraduate.

Boslaugh, C. C., entered itinerancy Dakota 1904, probation 1905, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder 1911.

Boyce, O. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1902. Deacon 1902. Elder 1904.

Bromaghim, F. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1891, full member 1895. Deacon 1895. Elder 1898.

Brown, G. D., entered itinerancy Dakota 1892, probation 1895, full member 1895. Deacon 1897. Elder 1900.

Brown, S. E., entered itinerancy Des Moines 1888, full member 1890, transferred to Dakota 1909. Deacon 1890. Elder 1892.

Bruce, R. A., entered itinerancy Missouri 1901, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1911.

Bunt, P. O., entered itinerancy Dakota 1900, full member 1902. Deacon 1902. Elder 1904.

Bunton, H. W., entered itinerancy Kentucky 1907, full member 1909, transferred to Dakota 1914. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911.

Buriff, A. E., entered itinerancy Iowa, transferred to Dakota 1909.

Butterfield, O. W., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1901, transferred to Dakota 1902, full member 1903, supernumerary 1909, effective 1911. Deacon 1901. Elder 1906.

Calfee, W. J., entered itinerancy Nebraska 1889, transferred to Dakota 1898, to Nebraska 1900, to Dakota 1906.

Carhart, A. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, full member 1892. Deacon 1892. Elder 1894.

Case, H. L., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1892, probation 1893, full member 1895, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1895. Elder 1897.

Chamberlain, D. W., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1872, full member 1876, to Dakota Mission 1875, retired 1887, charter member. Deacon 1876. Elder 1880.

Christensen, N. A., entered itinerancy Dakota 1910, probation 1911, full member 1915. Deacon 1915. Elder 1916.

Clark, C. B., entered itinerancy Iowa 1864, full member 1866, transferred to Dakota 1886, retired 1914. Deacon 1866. Elder 1868.

Corwin, G. J., entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1881, probation 1883, full member 1886, charter probationer, retired 1908. Deacon 1886. Elder 1888.

Darling, L. W., entered itinerancy Minnesota 1896, probation Dakota 1906, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Undergraduate.

Davies, Thomas, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1910, full member 1912. Deacon 1912. Elected elder 1914, ordained 1915.

Dean, E. E., entered itinerancy 1889, probation 1893, full member 1896, supernumerary 1909, retired 1912. Deacon 1896. Elder 1900.

Deeble, W. D., entered itinerancy Dakota 1886, full member 1888, retired 1913. Deacon 1886. Elder 1890.

Dennison, C. B., entered itinerancy Dakota 1911, probation 1912, full member 1914. Deacon 1914. Undergraduate.

Deller, W. N., entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, probation 1910, full member 1913. Deacon 1912. Elder 1914.

Dibble, J. B., entered itinerancy Dakota 1886, probation 1888, full member 1890, transferred to Nebraska 1911, to Dakota 1912. Deacon 1890. Elder 1892.

Dobson, J. O., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1883, full member 1885, transferred to Dakota 1892. Deacon 1885. Elder 1886.

Douglass, W. J., entered itinerancy West Nebraska 1903, probation 1902, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1908, supernumerary 1912. Deacon 1905. Elder 1909.

Dunn, F. B., entered itinerancy Des Moines 1885, full member 1888, transferred to Dakota 1904. Deacon 1888. Elder 1890.

Eberhart, H. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1905, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder 1909.

Ebert, J. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1912, full member 1913. Deacon 1912. Elder 1914.

Edwards, J. A., entered itinerancy Montreal, Canadian Methodist 1895, admitted on credentials as Elder, Northwest Iowa 1900, missionary to Black Hills 1910, transferred to Dakota 1913.

Egner, G. D., entered itinerancy Northwest Nebraska 1904, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1908. Deacon 1906. Elder 1909.

Ellis, J. S., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1910, full member 1912. Deacon 1912. Elder 1914.

Evans, J. D., entered itinerancy Holston 1908, full member 1910, transferred to Dakota 1911, supernumerary 1911, effective 1912, supernumerary 1913. Deacon 1910. Elected elder's orders 1916, (not ordained).

Faith, F. M., entered itinerancy Nebraska 1900, probation Black Hills Mission 1901, full member Nebraska 1903, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1903. Elder 1906.

Fanebust, Nels, entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, full member 1911. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911.

Farr, H. I., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1903, supernumerary 1908, located 1913, readmitted 1914, retired 1914. Deacon 1903. Elder 1903 (Missionary rule).

Ferguson, W. T., entered itinerancy St. Louis 1898, full member 1903, transferred to Dakota 1908. Deacon 1900. Elder 1903.

Fish, E. J., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1896, joined Free Methodists 1892, admitted on credentials to Northwest Nebraska 1911, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1900. Elder 1902.

Franklin, J. F., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1896, probation Minnesota 1902, full member West Wisconsin 1907, transferred to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1907. Elder 1910.

Freeman, O. M., entered itinerancy Northwest Kansas 1908, probation 1909, full member 1910, transferred from Northwest Kansas 1915. Deacon 1909. Elder 1912.

Gage, G. N., entered itinerancy Erie 1896, full member 1900, located 1908, readmitted Dakota 1912. Deacon 1897. Elder 1901.

Gale, W. E., entered itinerancy Northern New York 1895, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1908. Supernumerary 1915, effective 1916.

Gardner, Paul, entered itinerancy Des Moines 1898, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1905. Deacon 1900. Elder 1902.

Gilliland, C. V., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1897, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1905, to St. Louis 1912, to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1900. Elder 1902.

Gough, H. D., received by credentials from Christian Church and recognized as a Deacon 1916. Undergraduate.

Graves, W. N., entered itinerancy Des Moines 1897, probation 1898, full member 1901, transferred to Dakota 1915. Deacon 1901. Elder 1903.

Graf, C. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, full member 1909. Deacon 1909. Elder 1911.

Graham, W. I., entered itinerancy 1876, full member 1878, transferred to South Kansas—to Dakota 1897, supernumerary 1910, retired 1914. Deacon 1878. Elder 1892.

Gram, W. O., entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, probation 1891, full member 1893, supernumerary 1898, retired 1901. Deacon 1893. Not an Elder.

Greene, W. A., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, full member 1897, supernumerary 1898, effective 1902, supernumerary 1914. Deacon 1897. Elder 1904.

Gurney, J. T., entered itinerancy Detroit 1893, probation 1894, transferred to Dakota 1896, transferred to Detroit 1896, to Dakota 1900. Deacon 1896. Elder 1913.

Habgood, M. T., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1913.

Hager, C. E., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1876, probation 1877, full member 1878, transferred to Dakota Mission 1883, charter member. Deacon 1878. Elder 1880.

Hall, J. G., entered itinerancy Ohio 1876, probation 1877, full member 1879, transferred to Dakota 1886, retired 1899.

Hargett, I. M., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1902, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1906. Elder 1908.

Harkness, J. S., entered itinerancy Wesleyan Church 1889, entered Dakota on credentials as an Elder 1894.

Harrold, C. B., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911. Deacon 1909. Elder 1911.

Hartsough, Lewis, entered itinerancy Oneida 1851, full member 1853, transferred to Dakota Mission 1880, charter member, supernumerary 1889, retired 1892. Deacon 1853. Elder 1855.

Hartung, W. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1906, full member 1909. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911. Supernumerary 1915, effective 1916.

Hoagland, J. S., entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1892, full member 1894, transferred to Dakota 1908. Deacon 1894. Elder 1896.

Hocking, A. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, full member 1909. Deacon 1909. Elder 1911.

Holmes, E. E., entered itinerancy Indiana 1903, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1911. Deacon 1903. Elder 1907.

Hoyer, A. J., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1913.

Hughes, R. B., entered itinerancy Black Hills 1897, full member Des Moines 1902, transferred to Dakota 1906. Deacon 1897. Elder 1897.

Hubbard, B. I., entered itinerancy Free Methodist Church, was received into Dakota on credentials as a Deacon 1915. Undergraduate.

Hunter, J. M., entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, full member 1908. Deacon 1908. Elder 1910.

Hunt, E. E., entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1894, full member 1896, transferred to Dakota 1908, to Illinois 1909, to Dakota 1911. Deacon 1896. Elder 1901.

Hyde, O. M., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1903. Deacon 1903. Elder 1905.

Jackson, O. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1910, full member 1912. Deacon 1912. Elder 1916.

Jamison, Archibald, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1870, full member 1873, charter member Dakota, retired 1905. Deacon 1873. Elder 1875.

Janes, A. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1888, full member 1890. Deacon 1890. Elder 1894.

Jenkins, J. P., entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1883, probation 1884, charter probationer, full member 1887. Deacon 1884. Elder 1889.

Johnson, N. P., entered itinerancy Utah 1891, probation Western Norwegian-Danish 1892, full member 1894, transferred to Dakota 1899. Deacon 1894. Elder 1899.

Kaye, John, entered itinerancy Dakota 1893, probation 1895, full member 1897. Deacon 1897. Elder 1899.

Kearton, J. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1903, full member 1905. Deacon 1905. Elder 1908.

Lawson, P. J., entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1901, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1899. Elder 1901.

Lane, L. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1896, full member 1899. Deacon 1899. Elder 1901.

Layne, L. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder 1909.

Lee Harry, entered itinerancy East Maine 1902, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1904. Elder 1907.

Lewis, F. F., entered itinerancy Indiana 1905, full member 1907, transferred to Dakota 1912. Deacon 1905. Elder 1907.

Loomis, W. T., entered itinerancy on his credentials from the Christian Church as a Deacon 1915. Undergraduate.

Lott, A. M., entered itinerancy Northwest Kansas 1886, full member 1889, transferred to Dakota 1912.

Loveall, A. S., entered itinerancy West Virginia 1880, full member 1882, transferred to Dakota 1905, retired 1915. Deacon 1880. Elder 1884.

Lowrie, S. B., entered itinerancy Wisconsin, transferred to Dakota 1914, full member 1916. Deacon 1914. Elder 1916.

Lucas, J. W., entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, transferred to Cincinnati 1891, full member 1893, transferred to Dakota 1904, located 1905, readmitted 1907. Deacon 1893. Elder 1896.

Lyles, C. S., transferred from Des Moines 1916.

Machemer, E. O., entered itinerancy Rock River 1900, probation Dakota 1904, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder 1910.

MacLean, A. C., entered itinerancy Dakota 1900, probation 1902, full member 1904. Deacon 1904. Elder 1906.

Marble, S. W., entered itinerancy 1912, full member 1915. Deacon 1915. Undergraduate.

Matteson, C. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, full member 1892, transferred to Northwest Iowa 1902, to Dakota 1912. Deacon 1892. Elder 1894.

Matthews, G. T., entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, probation 1908, full member 1910. Deacon 1910. Elder 1913.

Minkler, R. G., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1905, full member 1908, transferred to Dakota 1911. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911.

MacBeth, P. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1901, full member 1903. Deacon 1903. Elder 1905.

McDonald, C. E., entered itinerancy 1912, full member 1915. Deacon 1915. Undergraduate.

McDonald, L. A., entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, probation 1906, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1913.

McKinney, J. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, transferred to North Dakota 1904, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1905. Elder 1911.

McReynolds, R. C., entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1885, full member North Nebraska 1888, transferred to Dakota 1913, retired 1915. Deacon 1886. Elder 1891.

Minish, H. W., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1903, probationer New York East 1907, full member 1909, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1907. Elder 1909.

Morrison, F. E., entered itinerancy Iowa 1904, full member 1906. Transferred to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1906. Elder 1908.

Nash, H. B., entered itinerancy West Wisconsin, transferred to Dakota 1914, full member 1916. Deacon 1916. Undergraduate.

Nicholson, Thomas, entered itinerancy Michigan 1884, probation 1885, full member 1887, transferred to Dakota 1903. Deacon 1887. Elder 1889. Bishop 1916.

Nickerson, M. E., entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1882, full member Northwest Iowa 1884, charter member Dakota, supernumerary 1903, effective 1908. Deacon 1884. Elder 1887.

Notson, G. T., entered itinerancy Des Moines 1890, full member 1893, transferred to Dakota 1894. Deacon 1893. Elder 1896.

Norvell, J. E., entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1882, charter member, supernumerary 1912. Deacon 1882. Elder 1888.

Oakley, J. N., entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, probation 1908, full member 1910. Deacon 1910. Elder 1912.

Ozanne, H. G., missionary to India 1900, full member North India 1906, transferred to Dakota 1907. Deacon 1906. Elder 1909.

Page, F. C., entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, probation 1907, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1914.

Payne, J. R., entered itinerancy Iowa, transferred to Dakota 1906, supernumerary 1910, effective 1915, supernumerary 1916.

Potter, I. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, full member 1897. Deacon 1895. Elder 1899.

Phillips, O. A., entered itinerancy United Brethren 1863, received into Minnesota on credentials as an Elder 1880, charter member Dakota, retired 1906.

Rawlinson, Fred, entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, probation 1908, full member 1910. Deacon 1910. Elder 1912.

Ray, Fred, entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1899, transferred to Dakota 1907, full member 1908. Deacon 1908. Elder 1914.

Redfield, W. O., entered itinerancy Dakota 1887, probation 1888, full member 1890. Deacon 1890. Elder 1892.

Redmayne, Ernest, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1911, full member 1913. Deacon 1913. Elder 1915.

Rice, H. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1910, full member 1912. Deacon 1912. Elder 1915.

Rising, Lloyd H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1914, full member 1916. Deacon 1916. Undergraduate.

Rosenberry, G. W., entered itinerancy Central New York 1893, full member 1895, transferred to Dakota 1901. Deacon 1895. Elder 1897.

Roberts, G. W., transferred from North Dakota 1916.

Saxton, E. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, full member 1903. Deacon 1901. Elder 1903.

Seaman, W. G., entered itinerancy North Indiana 1888, full member New England 1896, transferred to Dakota 1912. Deacon 1893. Elder 1897.

Shearer, R. C., entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, full member 1908. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911.

Sheldon, L. J., entered itinerancy 1910, probation 1911, full member 1913, transferred to Dakota 1916. Deacon 1913. Elder 1915.

Shepherd, W. S., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1896, full member 1898. Deacon 1898. Elder 1900.

Shurtleff, S. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1898, probation 1903, full member 1905. Deacon 1904. Elder 1907.

Simmons, Thomas, entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1873, full member 1876, charter member Dakota, supernumerary 1900, effective 1905, supernumerary 1908, retired 1912. Deacon 1876. Elder 1878.

Slocum, W. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1902, transferred to Nebraska 1909, to Dakota 1914. Deacon 1902. Elder 1904.

Smith, J. T. B., entered itinerancy Northern Minnesota 1896, full member 1898, transferred to Dakota 1911. Deacon 1898. Elder 1901.

Spencer, J. H., transferred from Detroit 1916.

Spitz, S. F., entered itinerancy North Indiana 1894, full member 1896, transferred to Northern Minnesota 1905, to Dakota 1906, located 1908, readmitted 1911. Deacon 1896. Elder 1898.

Stebbins, C. M., entered itinerancy Vermont 1889, probation 1890, full member 1892, transferred to Troy 1906, to Dakota 1906, supernumerary 1913. Deacon 1892. Elder 1896.

Stevens, J. D., entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, probation 1907, full member 1909. Deacon 1909. Elder 1912.

Stiles, B. F., entered itinerancy United Brethren, probation Dakota 1900, full member 1903, located 1908, readmitted 1913, supernumerary 1915. Deacon 1903. Undergraduate.

Tanner, A. E., entered itinerancy Genesee 1881, transferred to Dakota 1885, supernumerary 1902, retired 1907.

Tanner, Frank, entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, probation 1911, full member 1913. Deacon 1913. Elder 1916.

Tarleton, R. E., entered itinerancy New York, probation Dakota 1902, full member 1905. Deacon 1901. Elder 1907.

Taylor, O. W., entered itinerancy Minnesota 1892, transferred to Dakota 1911.

Thomas, Martin, entered itinerancy Black Hills Mission 1899, full member Dakota 1901. Deacon 1901. Elder 1903.

Thurston, A. W., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, full member 1897. Deacon 1897. Elder 1899.

Trevithick, T. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1888, full member 1892, transferred to Upper Iowa 1895, to Dakota 1905. Deacon 1892. Elder 1894.

Vernon, E. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1913.

Walsh, J. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1913.

Waltz, W. J., transferred to Dakota 1913, supernumerary 1914.

Weston, P. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1901, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder.

Weir, Samuel, entered itinerancy Detroit 1882, full member 1884, transferred to Rock River 1887, to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1884. Elder 1886.

Wilbur, T. B., entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1901, full member 1903, transferred to Dakota from St. John's River 1910. Deacon 1903, Elder 1905.

Wilcox, C. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, full member 1908, Deacon 1906. Elder 1908.

Wilder, G. B., received on credentials from the Congregational Church and recognized as an Elder 1916.

Willey, J. A., entered itinerancy West Wisconsin 1883, full member 1885, transferred to Dakota 1908, retired 1914.

Wilson, A. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1911, full member 1914. Deacon 1914. Elder 1916.

Wood, John, entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, probation 1907, full member 1909, supernumerary 1914, effective 1915. Deacon 1909. Elder 1911.

Youngman, T. H., entered itinerancy Oneida 1865, transferred to Dakota 1891, supernumerary 1904, retired 1905. Deacon 1865. Elder 1867.

Laymen's Association

The Laymen's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Dakota Conference held their meetings at Watertown, S. D., on Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30, 1916, as follows:

On call the following named laymen met in the Sunday School room of the First Methodist Church at Watertown, S. D., on Friday, September 29, 1916, at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

Laymen Present

W. T. McConnell, Wessington Springs.

D. F. Jones, Watertown.

C. H. Gall, Wessington Springs.

H. H. Frink, Tulare.

W. R. Edgerton, Yankton.

W. W. Sanders, Garretson.

I. P. Babcock, Hartford.

W. D. Nelson, Pierre.

Dr. W. E. Daniels, Madison.

A. L. Sherwin, Watertown.

P. H. Shultz, Wessington Springs.

W. H. Kirby, Belle Fourche.

F. C. W. Kuehn, Huron.

G. W. Miller, Huron.

S. W. Wright, Wessington Springs.

William J. Mundt, Pierre.

Meeting was called to order by W. T. McConnell.

On motion, Dr. W. E. Daniels was elected chairman of the meeting and William J. Mundt, secretary.

Chairman Dr. Daniels stated object of meeting to be: 1. To consider matter of fixing time of meeting of the Laymen's Association each year; 2, the election of officers for ensuing year and such other business as might properly come before the meeting.

Following motion by W. D. Nelson carried:

Laymen's Association shall meet annually at the seat of the Annual Conference, on the Friday following the opening of the said Conference at the hour provided by the By-Laws of this Association, or if not fixed then at the hour called by the executive officers of the Association.

On motion it was decided that the program for the annual session of the Association shall be completed in time to be published with the program of the Annual Conference.

On motion to proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year the report of Nomination Committee was called for. W. T. McConnell, member of nomination committee, presented the name of W. M. McDonald of Mount Vernon for president.

Following officers were then duly elected for the ensuing year:

For President, W. M. McDonald, Mount Vernon.

Vice-President, Aberdeen District, William Carpenter, Andover.

Vice-President, Mitchell District, W. T. McConnell, Wessington Springs.

Vice-President, Watertown District, J. M. Johnston, Bradley.

Vice-President, Sioux Falls District, Dr. W. E. Daniels, Madison.

Vice-President, Rapid City District, L. W. Stillwell, Deadwood.

Secretary and Treasurer, William J. Mundt, Pierre.

On motion adjourned to the call of the present chairman.

WILLIAM J. MUNDT, *Secretary.*

On call of chairman, Dr. Daniels, following laymen met in the Sunday School room of the First M. E. Church at Watertown, S. D., on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, September 30th, 1916.

Laymen Present

Dr. W. E. Daniels, Madison.

William Carpenter, Andover.

J. H. Johnston, Bradley.

P. N. Cross, Gayville.

J. F. Samelson, Davis.

J. F. Way, Mitchell.

D. F. Turner, Pierre.

O. P. Pratt, Ashton.

W. T. McConnell, Wessington
Springs.

P. H. Schultz, Wessington Springs.

W. A. Mills, Sioux Falls.

W. W. Sanders, Garretson.

F. E. VanDemark, Hartford.

I. P. Babcock, Hartford.

Garth D. Welch, Hartford.

William J. Mundt, Pierre.

Meeting called to order by Dr. W. E. Daniels, Chairman.

Minutes read and approved with corrections, as follows:

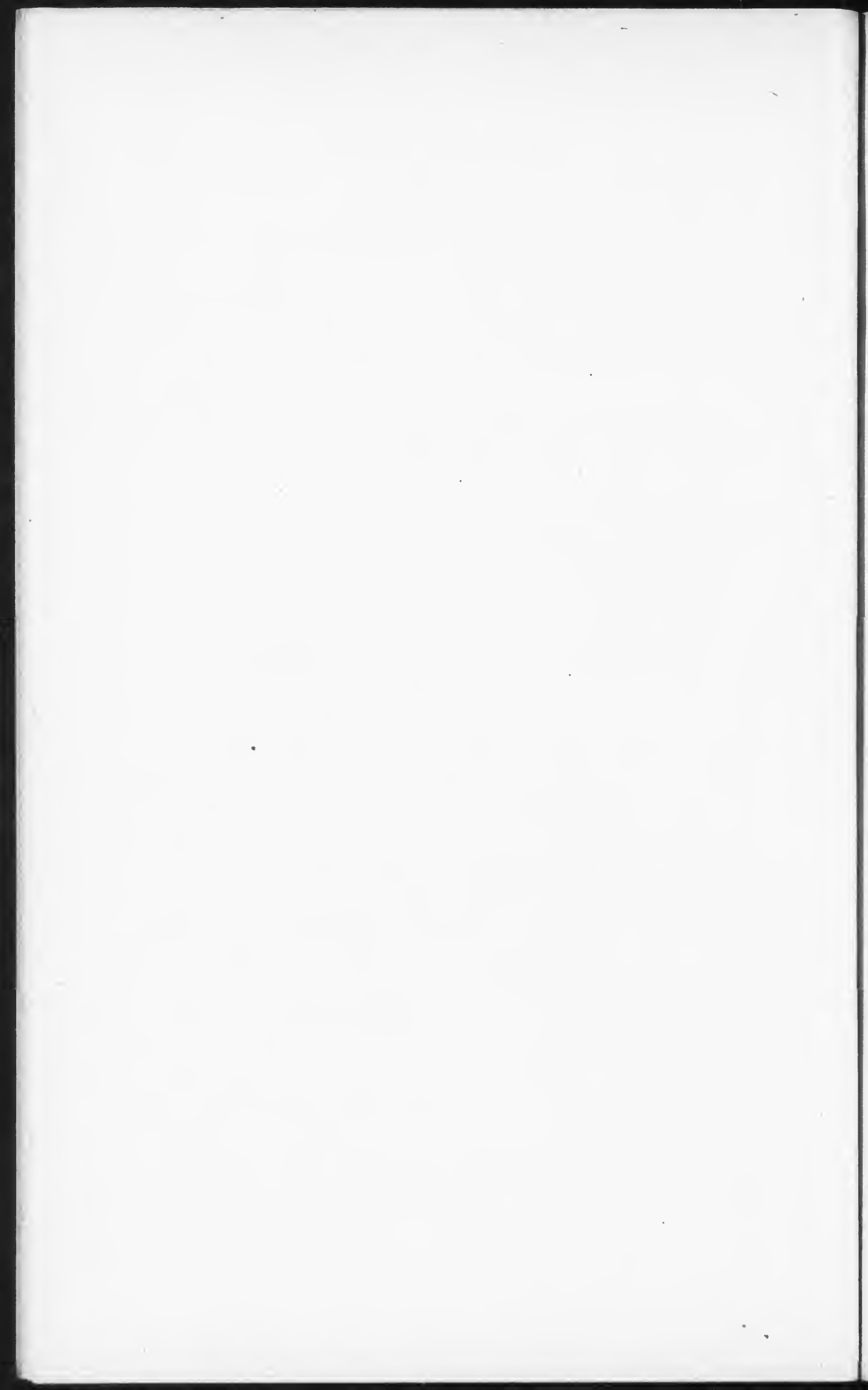
Secretary was instructed to expunge time of meeting and in place thereof insert time provided by the By-Laws, and if no time is provided in the By-Laws then meeting is to be called at hour designated by the executive officers.

On request Brother William Carpenter gave a brief report of the General Laymen's Conference and an outline as to their work and plans.

Chicago Exchange-Western National Bank to Continental and Commercial National Bank in favor of the Treasurer South Dakota M. E. State Laymen's Association, was turned over to the newly elected Treasurer of this Association, amount of exchange was \$25.54.

On motion adjourned.

WILLIAM J. MUNDT, *Secretary..*



STATISTICAL TABLES
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STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—ABERDEEN DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
			Support of Pastor				Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Min- isterial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments
			Total Cl'm In. House Rent	Total P'd Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1	Aberdeen	Taylor, O. W.	2400	2400	.....	.....	200	200	40	40	70	70	2610	.....	1	48	816
2	Agar	Arms, C. D.	575	575	.....	.....	51	51	11	11	20	20	657	.....	3	27	152
3	Andover	Layne, L. L.	1200	1200	200	.....	90	90	20	20	35	35	1345	.....	1	7	146
4	Ashton	McKinney, J. E.	1000	1000	250	.....	68	68	11	11	26	26	1105	.....	1	9	97
5	Bath and Putney	Rich, R. E.	1100	1100	200	.....	81	81	18	18	31	36	1235	.....	2	16	126
6	Big Stone	Loomis, W. T.	1385	1385	185	.....	108	108	24	24	42	42	1559	.....	1	12	172
7	Bowdle	Gough, H. D.	350	350	.....	.....	30	30	7	7	12	12	399	.....	1	4	34
8	Bristol	Lott, A. M.	1150	1150	150	.....	90	90	17	17	35	35	1292	.....	2	14	94
9	Britton	MacLean, A. C.	1575	1575	300	.....	114	114	25	25	45	45	1754	.....	2	22	297
10	Claremont	Krins, J. R.	1300	1119	100	181	108	104	24	20	42	35	1274	196	1	23	181
11	Conde	Ellis, J. S.	1200	1200	200	.....	90	90	35	35	20	20	1345	.....	2	19	180
12	Corona	Franklin, J. F.	1100	1100	150	.....	85	85	12	12	35	35	1232	.....	2	21	164
13	Cresbard	Sheldon, L. J.	1100	1100	100	.....	72	72	16	16	28	28	1216	.....	2	20	167
14	Cheney																
15	De Voe	Book, G. H.	1000	1000	150	.....	76	76	17	17	29	29	1122	.....	2	18	90
16	Doland	Shearer, R. C.	1500	1500	300	.....	108	108	22	22	42	42	1672	.....	2	21	220
17	Frankfort	Boslaugh, C. C.	1150	1150	150	.....	90	90	17	17	35	35	1292	.....	2	15	185
18	Frederick	Redmayne, Ernest	1000	1000	200	.....	72	72	14	14	24	24	1110	.....	1	13	163
19	Faulkton and Orient.	Wilcox, C. E.	1320	1320	120	.....	108	108	22	22	42	42	1492	.....	2	26	248
20	Groton	Harrold, C. B.	1400	1400	200	.....	108	108	22	22	42	42	1562	.....	1	18	200
21	Gettysburg	Johnson, N. P.	950	950	150	.....	72	72	12	12	28	28	1062	.....	1	20	222
22	Hecla	Dunn, F. B.	1150	1150	150	.....	90	90	18	18	35	35	1293	.....	2	18	160
23	Langford	Plannette, R. W.	850	850	150	.....	63	63	14	14	25	25	592	.....	1	14	216
24	Leola		980	980	.....	.....	45	45	10	10	15	15	1050	.....	1	5	61
25	Mellette	Page, F. C.	1100	1100	200	.....	81	81	18	18	32	32	1231	.....	1	13	121
26	Milbank	Morrison, F. E.	1800	1800	300	.....	135	135	30	30	53	53	2018	.....	1	19	200
27	Northville	Ingham, Latham.	800	800	150	.....	58	58	12	12	23	23	893	.....	1	12	60
28	Redfield	Hartt, Albert	1800	1800	300	.....	135	135	30	30	53	53	2018	.....	1	20	303
29	Rockham	Nash, H. B.	1050	1050	150	.....	81	81	18	18	31	31	1180	.....	2	17	161
30	Seneca	Strong, W. C.	550	550	150	.....	49	49	11	11	19	19	779	.....	1	9	136
31	Selby	Gough, H. B.	650	650	120	.....	54	54	13	13	22	22	739	.....	2	21	209
32	Sisseton	Ebert, J. H.	1400	1400	200	.....	108	108	24	24	42	42	1574	.....	3	32	315
33	Summit	Rinearson, A.	750	500	.....	250	67	45	15	10	25	17	572	285	2	10	135
34	Timber Lake	Oakley, J. N.	500	500	.....	.....	45	45	10	10	17	17	572	.....	3	4	80
35	Waubay	Gray, George	600	660	.....	.....	54	54	11	11	21	21	746	.....	1	8	106
36	Webster	Hunter, J. M.	1200	1200	200	.....	90	90	20	20	35	35	1345	.....	2	22	162
37	Westport	Sweeney, J. A.	600	600	96	.....	54	54	12	12	21	21	687	.....	1	7	53
38	White Rock	Langdon, C. W.	1150	1075	150	75	90	90	20	19	35	33	1217	78	2	20	201
Total			40685	40239	5421	506	3120	3094	672	662	1187	1175	44841	559	59	624	6633

DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1916

BAPTISMS			CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY										GEN. CONF. EXPENSES		
Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Probationers		Full Members				Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.	
			Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preach's	Deaths During Year															
20	51	71	7	7	869	72	2	3	80	...	1	80000	...	...	2450	...	...	2158	...	...	...	1
2	7	...	7	4	17	...	...	...	...	...	1	2750	...	...	400	...	300	25	...	2	...	2
2	4	10	3	...	106	11	...	2	20	54	1	2500	1	2000	...	...	92	...	...	...	3	
5	1	...	11	6	77	2	...	1	29	...	1	5000	1	2500	4000	...	...	89	16	4	...	4
1	11	...	...	...	83	...	...	3	40	...	2	3000	1	2500	125	100	...	125	16	4	...	5
1	...	...	...	...	104	...	...	...	...	...	1	6000	1	1500	1007	...	...	400	20	5	...	6
1	...	...	4	4	12	...	...	4	...	...	1	2000	1	1200	550	...	...	50	...	...	...	7
2	3	...	2	...	42	9	...	...	12	...	2	5500	1	1500	50	...	...	75	...	...	...	8
...	4	...	...	2	112	13	...	2	21	...	1	7000	1	3000	...	417	307	225	...	5	...	9
2	4	9	9	9	45	15	1	6	15	24	2	6000	1	1000	140	...	...	300	...	...	...	10
6	11	...	...	...	103	...	...	...	16	...	1	3500	1	2000	1400	...	...	50	...	...	...	11
...	2	3	4	...	95	16	...	1	18	...	2	4000	1	1200	20	...	...	131	...	...	...	12
...	...	...	2	2	69	...	...	...	30	...	2	4000	1	2500	300	582	...	125	...	...	...	13
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
...	1	...	...	...	51	3	...	...	...	...	1	1000	1	1000	40	...	...	12	...	...	...	15
22	1	...	21	10	170	21	...	1	41	...	2	6000	1	4000	140	...	...	200	...	...	...	16
5	...	...	12	1	83	2	...	1	20	...	1	3000	1	2000	...	855	...	150	...	...	...	17
...	4	...	...	...	30	1	...	1	...	...	1	2500	1	2000	158	...	...	104	...	...	...	18
...	2	...	...	...	125	14	...	...	...	...	2	8300	1	1500	656	...	...	200	...	...	...	19
...	8	4	...	3	99	...	...	...	45	25	1	15000	1	2500	400	1000	1000	250	...	...	...	20
6	2	...	7	6	105	...	1	...	25	...	1	17000	1	1500	100	3712	5050	151	...	...	...	21
...	7	...	...	...	85	1	...	1	20	...	1	4000	1	2000	220	...	...	48	...	4	...	22
...	4	...	5	5	70	3	...	1	15	...	1	3000	1	1500	...	...	...	110	...	...	...	23
...	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	1	3500	1	750	...	...	...	150	...	...	...	24
...	2	...	...	...	63	2	...	...	...	...	1	7000	1	800	85	460	800	125	...	...	...	25
4	7	...	8	...	175	25	...	1	40	50	1	18000	1	3000	1789	...	...	883	...	...	...	26
1	1	...	6	...	108	4	...	2	40	...	2	10000	1	2000	...	...	2300	...	...	...	...	27
15	5	...	40	...	213	16	...	...	35	35	1	21000	1	3000	117	...	...	715	...	...	...	28
1	...	...	5	1	72	...	...	...	...	...	2	7500	1	2500	60	200	750	150	12	3	...	29
...	...	...	...	3	28	...	...	1	...	...	1	3000	1	2000	15	...	1700	70	...	...	...	30
10	9	30	26	26	66	...	...	3	22	...	2	13500	1	1800	350	250	5200	175	...	...	...	31
...	3	...	5	...	179	5	...	1	40	50	2	7000	1	1200	1800	...	700	240	...	...	...	32
3	4	1	1	1	33	...	...	...	28	...	1	2500	...	...	109	...	100	25	...	...	...	33
1	3	...	1	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	2	2500	...	...	2000	28	...	45	...	...	...	34
1	19	...	...	11	65	4	...	...	20	6	1	3500	...	...	...	...	...	84	...	...	...	35
...	1	...	...	...	123	6	1	1	...	...	1	3000	1	2500	...	141	...	150	...	...	...	36
1	9	1	...	5	20	...	1	...	27	...	2	3500	1	1500	80	...	...	50	...	...	...	37
...	2	2	2	5	78	...	...	1	5	...	3	6000	1	1800	205	426	...	170	...	...	...	38
111	182	131	183	81	3867	245	6	38	679	269	52	302550	32	63950	18766	8171	18207	8102	64	27	1	

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES											
		MISSIONS						Freedmen's Aid Society	EDUCATION			BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.				Board of Education		Conf. Educational Collection		
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools		Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund			
1	Aberdeen	271	140	68	343	68	71	25	296	40	15		
2	Agar	8		2	6	2	2	3		1	1		
3	Andover	21		68	10	67	13	5	55		10		
4	Ashton	59			51		9	37			7		
5	Bath and Putney	62	20	5	54	5	9	39	8	7	1		
6	Big Stone	94		7	80	7	15	76		12	3		
7	Bowdle	6			5								
8	Bristol	33		9	35	7	5			20	1		
9	Britton	65		50	50	50	17	72	6	3	10		
10	Claremont	12		12	15	15	3	2	1	29	6		
11	Conde	82			71		12	51	17	10			
12	Corona			8		6		9		4			
13	Cresbard	53		12	44	12	10	41	1	8	2		
14	De Voe	10	20		30		1	20	1	1			
15	Doland	113	20		98		17	15	9	56	13		
16	Frankford	40			34		6	1		24	7		
17	Frederick	2		1	2	1	3	3	2	1	3		
18	Faulkton and Orient	8	155		89		15	65	4	12			
19	Groton	70	15	22	73	20	16	35	10	8	4		
20	Gettysburg	5		5	5	4	1	8	4		1		
21	Hecla	15		15	9	15	5	4	4	20	5		
22	Langford	10	25	7	9	6	1	5		1	1		
23	Leola												
24	Mellette	30			30		10	34	3		8		
25	Milbank	132		25	120	25	20	85	5	15	5		
26	Northville	64			55		10	44		8			
27	Redfield	139		16	129	16	20	84	18	10	6		
28	Rockham	69	26	5	64		11	47			9		
29	Seneca	28			29								
30	Selby	43	20		37		6	27		5			
31	Sisseton	77			60		9	50		5			
32	Summit	5			13		5	4		2			
33	Timber Lake	4			2		1		2	5	1		
34	Waubay				3								
35	Webster	85			74			5		53	10		
36	Westport	24			21	4		15		3			
37	White Rock	35	20	10	35	2	4	28	9	4	4		
Total		1774	461	347	1785	328	331	909	143	558	185	109	

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued												OTHER BENEVOLENCES			List No.
Board of Conf. Claimants (Chicago)	Conference Cl'm'ts	Annual Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	American Bible Soc.	City Missionary or Church Ext. Society	Central Office Exp. Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	General Deaconess Board	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	
5	13	531	25	383	26	.....	.....	.....	2315	.....	326	2641	1
.....	1	.....	.....	52	1	.....	.....	.....	32	1	13	51	2
.....	2	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	314	1	142	457	3
.....	2	4	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	172	1	.....	173	4
.....	2	68	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	286	5	43	334	5
.....	5	200	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	507	1	38	546	6
.....	11	.....	17	28	7
.....	1	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	223	1	42	266	8
.....	3	103	.....	.....	7	.....	1	.....	438	.....	110	548	9
.....	3	293	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	389	1	517	907	10
1	2	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	138	388	11
.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	1	2	39	12
.....	2	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....	190	1	.....	191	13
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	85	14
.....	3	63	.....	.....	6	.....	1	.....	414	1	122	537	15
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	115	1	39	155	16
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	15	34	17
.....	3	119	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	476	5	99	580	18
.....	3	296	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	578	5	34	617	19
.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	36	1	.....	37	20
.....	1	2	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	97	1	.....	98	21
.....	65	.....	17	82	22
.....	23
.....	2	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	121	1	8	130	24
.....	5	215	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....	657	1	18	676	25
.....	2	16	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....	203	1	.....	204	26
.....	3	161	.....	.....	8	.....	2	.....	612	.....	84	696	27
.....	2	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	237	1	42	280	28
.....	57	.....	6	63	29
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	142	1	59	202	30
.....	1	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	282	.....	16	298	31
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	32	32
.....	1	.....	16	.....	15	31	33
.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	5	34
.....	2	12	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	259	1	61	321	35
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	70	1	27	98	36
.....	1	72	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	221	.....	129	350	37
6	73	2359	25	435	119	.....	23	.....	9962	34	2184	12180	

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—MITCHELL DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
			Support of Pastor				Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Min- isterial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments
			Total Cl'm In. House Rent	Total P'd Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1	Alexandria	Bassett, T. S. . .	1700	1700	250	....	116	116	25	25	51	51	1892	....	2	32	250
2	Alpena	Hughes, R. B. . .	1200	1200	200	....	80	80	18	18	35	35	1333	....	2	24	250
3	Armour	Gale, W. E.	750	750	....	....	66	66	10	10	28	28	854	....	1	11	90
4	Artesian	Potter, I. P.	1300	1300	200	....	88	88	20	20	40	40	1448	....	2	20	225
5	Bridgewater	Redfield, Myron .	300	300	....	....	24	24	5	5	11	11	340	....	1	7	92
6	Bard and Riverside .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
7	Chamberlain	Hoyer, A. J.	1180	1180	180	....	80	80	18	18	35	35	1313	....	1	15	138
8	Colome	Savage, D. A.	835	598	....	137	40	40	10	....	23	23	661	147	....	....	....
9	Dallas	Wilson, A. L.	900	876	120	24	62	49	14	8	27	14	947	56	2	12	132
10	Dudley	Bennett, C. D.	200	200	....	....	16	16	4	4	6	6	226	....	1	8	56
11	Ethan	Cox, C. S.	744	744	144	....	48	48	2	2	8	8	802	....	2	10	120
12	Farmer	Bacon, C. H.	750	710	....	40	44	44	14	4	21	4	762	67	2	13	83
13	Fulton	Gilliland, C. V. .	600	600	144	....	48	48	10	10	21	21	679	....	1	9	105
14	Geddes	McEldowney, B.W.	1400	1400	200	....	96	96	21	21	36	36	1553	....	2	21	156
15	Gregory	Seastrand, H. D. .	944	944	144	....	64	64	14	14	24	24	1046	....	3	37	250
16	Herrick & St. Charles	Douglas, W. J. . .	500	500	....	....	40	40	7	7	15	15	562	....	....	....	....
17	Hamill and Iona	Hatfield, E. E. . .	650	560	....	90	52	29	11	9	22	19	617	118	2	8	40
18	Kimball	Bromaghim, F. L. .	400	400	....	....	32	32	10	10	16	16	458	....	2	16	108
19	Lakeview	Gurney, J. T.	525	525	....	....	....	....	8	8	18	18	551	....	5	40	150
20	Lane	Wash, J. L.	820	820	120	....	56	56	4	4	8	8	888	....	2	22	160
21	Letcher	Potter, W. N.	770	620	....	150	40	40	7	7	15	15	682	....	....	8	35
22	Mitchell	Hoagland, J. S. . .	3940	3940	600	....	280	280	40	40	110	110	4370	....	1	80	1600
23	Mount Vernon	Ferguson, W. L. . .	1340	1340	240	....	88	88	20	20	30	30	1478	....	2	21	300
24	Plankinton	Hyde, O. M.	1200	1200	200	....	80	80	18	18	35	37	1333	....	1	18	250
25	Platte and Dunlap	Gardner, Paul	1400	1400	200	....	96	96	21	21	42	47	1564	....	2	22	150
26	Roswell & Rock Creek	Elsom, A. E.	1200	1200	200	....	80	46	15	....	21	....	1246	70	2	14	141
27	Springfield	Lucas, J. W.	900	800	150	100	60	52	8	7	22	20	879	111	1	10	90
28	Tripp	Redfield, W. O. . .	1300	1300	250	....	84	84	18	18	50	50	1442	....	3	40	234
29	Tyndall	Shurtleff, S. H. .	900	900	260	....	72	72	17	17	32	32	1021	....	1	24	200
30	Virgil	Rising, L. H.	500	500	....	....	40	40	9	9	18	18	567	....	1	10	116
31	Wagner and Ravinia	Olson, G. L.	1450	1450	150	....	92	92	26	9	39	14	1565	42	3	21	178
32	Wess'gton Spgs, Viola	Hargett, I. M.	2400	2400	300	....	168	168	37	37	74	74	2679	....	2	35	425
33	Woonsocket	Wilber, T. B.	1500	1500	200	....	104	104	22	22	45	45	1671	....	1	18	....
34	White Lake	Egner, G. D.	1180	1180	....	....	80	80	17	17	35	35	1312	....	3	16	191
35	Winner	Payne, J. R.	905	905	180	....	58	58	15	15	25	25	1005	....	1	12	....
Total			36883	35742	4632	541	2474	2396	521	454	1038	964	39748	611	57	674	6345

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BAPTISMS			CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY									GEN. CONF. EXPENSES			
Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Bap'd Child's under Instruction as Prob.	Probationers		Full Members				Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.	
			Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preach's	Deaths During Year															
3	5	...	4	1	225	11	...	2	25	...	2	10500	1	2200	540	50	500	300	...	...	...	1
...	6	...	2	4	140	...	...	2	31	40	2	6000	1	2500	1170	...	...	143	...	...	...	2
33	...	10	12	1	90	1	...	...	...	...	1	2700	1	2000	...	200	500	150	...	...	...	3
9	8	...	21	...	184	5	...	...	40	...	2	4800	1	2500	60	...	...	125	...	4	...	4
...	10	...	2	2	13	2	1	...	...	...	1	2500	...	...	450	29	209	6	...	...	...	5
1	2	...	2	3	61	10	...	2	20	...	1	3500	1	2000	123	106	...	140	...	...	...	6
5	2	...	6	2	40	...	...	...	...	...	1	3500	1	400	...	600	1000	...	...	...	...	7
1	1	...	4	2	90	2	...	...	25	...	1	2500	1	800	17	217	600	100	...	...	...	8
...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	1	1800	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	9
...	...	...	...	...	96	...	...	...	...	...	1	2600	1	1800	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	10
...	...	...	...	...	41	6	...	...	...	...	2	3000	...	...	670	...	...	16	...	...	...	11
...	7	...	...	...	46	...	...	...	...	...	1	1800	1	1700	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	12
4	6	10	4	52	152	...	...	...	25	...	2	7500	1	3000	...	376	500	375	...	...	...	13
17	...	...	6	...	104	20	...	...	...	...	1	3500	1	1600	200	130	...	90	...	...	...	14
...	...	5	...	...	41	2	1	...	...	...	1	3000	...	...	...	80	1000	60	...	...	...	15
...	4	...	...	...	33	...	...	1	...	...	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	16
...	1	1	1	1	66	4	...	...	...	...	1	3000	1	2000	...	228	680	24	...	...	...	17
2	5	...	7	...	74	...	...	...	...	...	1	1000	...	...	765	...	235	35	...	...	...	18
3	...	...	3	...	78	10	...	...	...	...	2	4000	1	1800	...	100	400	120	...	...	...	19
...	1	...	...	...	30	2	...	...	...	...	1	3000	1	1000	80	...	...	30	...	...	...	20
22	17	60	40	33	1300	215	12	8	200	125	1	85000	1	8000	500	1000	11000	2800	...	...	...	21
10	9	14	10	8	125	8	...	1	20	18	1	4000	1	2400	40	75	...	128	...	...	...	22
...	5	...	1	1	114	8	...	2	20	...	1	4500	1	2500	100	...	...	180	...	...	...	23
33	9	6	48	10	194	4	1	...	43	...	2	5200	1	2000	116	...	...	171	...	...	...	24
6	4	...	6	2	66	...	...	2	28	...	2	8000	1	1000	...	...	244	175	...	...	...	25
3	8	...	3	...	72	8	...	...	30	...	1	2000	1	1500	160	...	...	110	...	...	...	26
...	10	...	...	91	80	11	...	1	...	...	3	8500	1	3500	120	...	97	130	...	...	...	27
14	...	...	35	...	99	7	...	1	21	...	1	8000	1	4000	...	1350	1500	300	...	...	...	28
...	2	...	1	...	24	13	...	...	...	...	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	29
1	21	...	...	...	123	10	...	...	25	...	2	5000	1	1000	123	315	238	220	...	...	...	30
6	20	5	...	...	480	...	2	3	50	...	2	44000	1	2500	...	5567	7738	1200	...	...	...	31
1	6	...	1	...	180	10	...	1	...	...	1	10000	1	2500	...	550	1200	210	...	...	...	32
35	1	...	43	44	115	14	...	...	53	15	2	6700	1	3000	20	200	140	108	...	...	...	33
8	15	...	4	...	61	10	...	1	20	22	1	1600	...	...	944	680	1000	...	...	...	...	34
189	175	121	262	261	4654	393	16	27	651	245	47	266700	26	59200	5198	11853	27781	7816	...	4	35

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES										
		MISSIONS						EDUCATION			BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.			Board of Education				
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
1	Alexandria	63	15	13	55	.....	13	21	76	4	13	.....
2	Alpena	64	10	.....	55	.....	.....	10	24	1	7	.....
3	Armour	15	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	5	15	.....	.....	.....
4	Artesian	50	.....	10	45	.....	10	14	27	10	4	.....
5	Bard and Riverside	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Bridgewater	2	55	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....
7	Chamberlain	38	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	10	35	6	8	.....
8	Colome	2	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
9	Dallas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....
10	Dudley	8	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Ethan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Farmer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Fulton	36	.....	12	31	.....	.....	5	23	5	5	.....
14	Geddes	15	.....	14	13	.....	13	8	15	2	7	.....
15	Gregory	6	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	2	.....	2	.....
16	Herrick and St. Charles	6	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....
17	Iona and Hamill	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....
18	Kimball	16	.....	2	13	.....	2	3	14	7	3	.....
19	Lakeview Circuit	10	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	3	5	.....	2	.....
20	Lane	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	1	20	.....	2	.....
21	Letcher	5	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
22	Mitchell	450	60	100	450	.....	100	40	1017	10	30	.....
23	Mount Vernon	30	.....	5	25	.....	5	8	14	5	3	.....
24	Plankinton	45	5	10	32	.....	8	8	32	10	6	.....
25	Platte	51	29	8	44	.....	6	8	37	5	11	.....
26	Roswell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Springfield	15	.....	5	10	.....	5	1	2	.....	1	.....
28	Tripp	30	.....	2	30	.....	2	10	40	5	10	.....
29	Tyndall	60	42	.....	25	.....	.....	3	6	3	2	.....
30	Virgil	22	10	.....	19	.....	.....	3	.....	14	3	.....
31	Wagner	25	.....	12	19	.....	9	4	.....	5	3	.....
32	Wessington Springs	602	724	34	255	.....	34	50	150	11	47	.....
33	White Lake	68	20	9	58	.....	9	12	48	5	9	.....
34	Winner	3	.....	4	4	.....	3	3	.....	3	3	.....
35	Woonsocket	58	5	40	5	18	10	10	5
Total		1807	970	250	1304	225	251	1625	131	187

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued												OTHER BENEVOLENCES			List No.
Board of Conf. Claimants (Chicago)	Conference Cl'm'ts	Annual Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	American Bible Soc.	City Missionary or Church Ext. Society	Central Office Exp. Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	General Deaconess Board	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	
.....	3	207	.....	25	6	.....	1	.....	515	1	27	543	1
.....	1	89	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	236	1	81	345	2
.....	47	1	.....	.....	.....	98	1	15	114	3
1	2	1	11	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1	.....	190	.....	70	260	4
.....	5
.....	2	73	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....	62	.....	.....	62	6
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	215	.....	81	296	7
.....	1	15	.....	9	1	.....	2	.....	10	.....	1	11	8
.....	36	.....	29	65	9
.....	14	.....	.....	14	10
.....	11
.....	18	18	12
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	120	.....	.....	120	13
.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	90	14
.....	2	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	57	78	15
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	9	27	16
.....	11	1	.....	12	17
.....	1	60	.....	10	1	.....	.....	.....	132	.....	38	170	18
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	28	19
.....	4	2	18	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	69	.....	34	103	20
.....	10	.....	.....	10	21
20	20	1064	.....	404	10	300	.....	5	5	4085	10	1155	5250	22
.....	1	36	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	134	1	.....	135	23
.....	2	73	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	233	.....	102	336	24
.....	2	83	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....	288	1	31	320	25
.....	12	12	26
.....	12	.....	.....	2	.....	53	.....	29	82	27
.....	4	25	4	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	167	1	10	178	28
.....	2	2	.....	21	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	170	.....	9	179	29
.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	74	1	6	81	30
.....	2	.....	.....	.....	90	1	.....	1	.....	171	.....	57	228	31
.....	9	389	.....	104	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	2428	5	304	2737	32
.....	2	92	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	336	1	52	389	33
.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	27	2	76	105	34
5	5	3	108	.....	11	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	290	1	145	436	35
26	11	69	2347	8	733	80	302	17	5	10348	28	2448	12834		

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—RAPID CITY DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
			Support of Pastor				Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Min- isterial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments
			Total Cl'm In. House Rent	Total P'd Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1	Belle Fourche	Baker, J. C.	680	680	.....	.....	40	40	9	9	15	15	744	.....	1	12	108
2	Caputa	Weston, P. H. ....	.....	275	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	2	.....	7	306	.....	2	12	100
3	Custer	Spencer, J. H.	685	685	.....	.....	44	44	8	8	.....	8	745	.....	2	13	113
4	Deadwood, Cent. City	Vernon, E. E.	1800	1800	300	.....	120	120	21	21	42	42	1983	.....	2	15	222
5	Draper	Hubbard, B. I.	284	350	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	6	.....	13	498	.....	3	15	155
6	Edgemont	Boatman, C.	769	680	180	89	47	42	10	8	20	18	748	98	1	11	106
7	Harding .....	.....	300	300	.....	.....	24	24	4	4	.....	.....	328	.....	2	10	44
8	Hot Springs	Case, H. L.	1350	1350	150	.....	96	96	18	18	42	42	1506	.....	2	25	190
9	Kennebec	Hager, C. E.	800	800	150	.....	64	64	14	14	28	28	906	.....	3	24	180
10	Lead	Calfee, W. J.	2100	2100	300	.....	100	100	10	10	40	40	2260	.....	2	27	308
11	Midland and Hayes ..	Weirauch, C. M.	500	500	.....	.....	35	35	8	8	15	15	558	.....	4	22	130
12	Murdo and Okaton ..	Bunton, H. W.	880	880	80	.....	64	64	12	12	28	28	984	.....	3	30	200
13	Newell	Cadle, C. E.	365	338	.....	.....	28	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	359	50	1	12	80
14	Nowlin	Wilson, J. M.	300	114	60	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	1	175	25	1	3	20
15	Oelrichs	Biggar, C. O.	400	414	100	.....	24	24	.....	2	.....	6	446	.....	1	10	47
16	Oral	Gillespie, L. F.	375	375	.....	.....	30	30	2	2	.....	4	465	.....	1	7	60
17	Phillip and Quinn ..	Eling, R. J.	596	447	96	.....	40	4	8	3	15	6	460	98	1	5	45
18	Piedmont	Eberhart, F. G.	200	110	84	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	70
19	Plainview	Hartley, J. W.	211	192	.....	19	.....	5	.....	2	.....	4	203	.....	2	11	90
20	Presho	Matthews, G. T.	684	684	36	.....	48	40	9	3	18	6	743	26	2	20	120
21	Rapid City	Minish, H. W.	1600	1600	300	.....	104	104	23	23	39	39	1766	.....	1	14	160
22	Reliance	McFarland, A. J.	720	115	120	85	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	2	127	.....	1	7	40
23	Spearfish	Habgood, M. T.	1300	1300	300	.....	80	80	17	17	35	35	1432	.....	2	19	150
24	Sturgis	Ownby, A. W.	600	500	.....	100	48	48	.....	3	.....	5	608	100	2	12	80
25	Terry	Stevenson, W. G.	600	586	150	.....	48	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	598	76	1	5	89
26	Wall and Wasta	Fish, E. J.	370	370	29	28	6	5	11	9	412	4	2	9	61
Total			18469	17545	2406	383	1113	1146	179	190	368	373	19360	477	47	355	2873

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BAPTISMS			CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						EPWORTH LEAGUE	CHURCH PROPERTY										GEN. CONF. EXPENSES		
Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Probationers		Full Members				Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.
			Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preach's	Deaths During Year														
...	...	5	...	3	4	85	12	...	31	...	1	4000	1	1500	200	50	...	100	...	...	...	1
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	110	...	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	3	...	72	5	1	...	...	2	3000	1	1500	275	...	...	...	70	...	3	3
6	26	16	16	17	102	6	...	1	60	...	2	11200	1	5000	275	...	...	395	...	...	...	4
1	4	...	...	...	32	3	...	...	...	...	1	1500	1	250	...	...	...	92	...	...	...	5
...	...	...	...	5	53	14	...	1	...	42	1	5000	1	2000	9	405	500	118	12	5	...	6
...	5	...	...	...	14	4	...	...	...	...	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	7
3	4	...	10	7	152	23	3	3	45	...	1	3500	1	1500	113	...	...	200	...	...	...	8
...	...	17	10	17	57	3	...	1	18	22	1	2000	1	270	175	280	900	63	...	...	...	9
27	6	...	125	...	350	8	4	1	62	...	2	11800	1	2000	496	600	3500	352	...	...	...	10
4	2	...	...	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	4	3500	...	...	65	...	...	135	...	...	...	11
4	5	10	5	13	78	10	...	...	20	30	1	3500	1	2000	100	250	500	125	...	2	...	12
...	...	...	3	3	50	...	...	...	34	...	1	5100	...	...	...	250	1179	43	...	...	...	13
...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	2	4000	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	14
1	2	...	...	...	40	5	1	...	20	...	2	3600	1	300	120	...	...	36	...	2	...	15
...	3	10	...	...	41	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	800	800	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
...	7	...	...	4	56	8	...	...	4	20	2	5500	2	2500	...	...	600	100	...	...	...	17
...	1	...	17	17	13	3	1	...	46	7	2	2000	1	1400	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	18
...	9	...	1	1	41	...	...	...	...	...	1	1600	...	...	100	4	...	32	...	...	...	19
...	4	...	...	...	51	6	...	...	...	...	2	4000	1	750	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	20
9	4	...	29	...	220	32	2	1	75	...	1	8000	1	3000	350	...	1650	175	...	...	...	21
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1000	...	...	189	...	...	60	...	...	...	22
...	2	...	2	...	130	13	...	1	35	20	1	4000	1	3000	201	...	...	200	...	3	...	23
1	...	...	...	28	52	25	...	...	20	...	1	3000	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
...	2	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	1000	1	500	23	...	...	49	...	...	...	25
...	4	2	2	2	22	6	...	...	...	...	3	3400	...	...	22	196	...	66	...	...	...	26
57	92	55	227	125	1776	206	12	9	470	141	38	99200	19	30270	3513	2035	8939	2571	12	15	7	

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES										
		MISSIONS						EDUCATION			BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.			Board of Education			Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection		
1	Belle Fourche	10	.....	7	10	.....	.....	3	11	.....	.....	3
2	Caputa .....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....
3	Custer	10	.....	2	10	.....	2	1	2	3	2	.....
4	Deadwood and Central City	10	.....	9	10	.....	9	2	8	5	2	2
5	Draper	7	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	1	2	4	2	.....
6	Edgemont	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	4	.....	.....
7	Fairburn .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Harding .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Hot Springs	44	17	10	43	.....	10	10	.....	2	25	7
10	Kadoka .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Kennebec	128	.....	10	38	.....	.....	7	.....	6	27	6
12	Lead	14	.....	6	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
13	Midland and Hayes	10	.....	2	10	.....	.....	2	8	.....	.....	.....
14	Murdo	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	4	2	4	.....
15	Newell	4	.....	3	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Nowlin and Capa	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
17	Oelrichs	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....
18	Oral	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
19	Phillip and Quinn	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1	.....	4	2	.....
20	Piedmont .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Plainview	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
22	Presho and Vivian	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....
23	Rapid City	60	.....	8	28	.....	8	4	8	2	5	4
24	Reliance	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
25	Spearfish	25	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	10	2	4	40	1
26	Sturgis .....	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1
27	Sturgis Circuit .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Terry	12	.....	6	.....	.....	6	2	.....	.....	2	2
29	Wall and Wasta	7	6	5	1	2	1
30	*Weta
	Total	377	17	68	220	35	63	60	34	106	31

*No Report in Weta.

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued												OTHER BENEVOLENCES			List No.
Board of Conf. Claimants (Chicago)	Conference Cl'm'n'ts	Annual Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	American Bible Soc.	City Missionary or Church Ext. Society	Central Office Exp. Epworth League	Methodist Brother- hood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	General Deaconess Board	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	
.....	2	37	.....	27	2	.....	.....	.....	112	.....	495	607	1
.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	5	16	2
.....	1	34	.....	105	1	.....	1	.....	40	1	79	120	3
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	199	1	106	306	4
.....	24	1	68	93	5
.....	17	.....	19	36	6
.....	7
.....	1	.....	1	8
1	1	.....	1	230	.....	191	2	.....	2	1	599	1	10	610	9
.....	10
.....	5	.....	1	10	.....	5	2	.....	.....	.....	245	.....	82	327	11
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	35	1	271	307	12
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	34	13
1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	20	1	51	72	14
.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	18	.....	74	92	15
1	4	1	16	21	16
.....	7	.....	103	110	17
4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	1	104	127	18
.....	9	.....	2	5	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	43	80	19
.....	156	156	20
.....	9	.....	83	92	21
.....	10	.....	.....	10	22
1	2	.....	1	135	2	143	1	.....	4	.....	418	1	87	506	23
.....	7	.....	54	61	24
.....	1	43	.....	.....	2	.....	3	.....	160	.....	202	362	25
.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	754	769	26
.....	27
.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	78	110	28
1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	15	40	29
.....	30
9	20	19	495	7	476	18	.....	.....	16	1	2100	10	2955	5065	

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT														SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
			Support of Pastor				Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'n'ts		Total Paid for Min- isterial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments		
			Total Cl'm In. House Rent	Total P'd Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid							
1	Alcester	Harvey, Carl	750	750	150	....	48	48	11	11	21	21	830	....	2	12	60
2	Beresford	Dibble, J. B.	1450	1450	250	....	96	96	18	18	42	42	1606	....	1	20	202
3	Canistota	Saxton, E. E.	1200	1200	200	....	80	80	18	18	35	35	1333	....	2	16	140
4	Canton	Thurston, A. W.	1560	1560	360	....	96	96	24	24	42	42	1722	....	1	20	400
5	Centerville	Wilcox, Fred	750	750	100	....	60	60	16	12	23	23	849	....	4	....	100
6	Chester	Tanner, Frank	830	830	180	....	52	52	13	13	23	23	918	....	1	10	103
7	Colman	Wilkinson, Guy	950	950	150	....	64	64	15	15	28	28	1057	....	2	23	175
8	Colton	Stevens, J. D.	825	825	120	....	58	58	14	14	25	25	942	....	1	12	87
9	Davis	Brown, L. F.	1070	1070	120	....	72	72	19	19	30	30	1191	....	2	19	150
10	Dell Rapids	Black, W. A.	1200	1200	200	....	80	80	24	24	35	35	1139	....	1	20	210
11	Egan	Christensen, N. A.	1150	1350	150	....	80	80	18	18	35	35	1483	....	1	18	226
12	Elk Point	Gage, G. N.	1100	1100	200	....	72	72	15	15	27	27	1214	....	1	15	181
13	Ellis	King, P. I.	....	305	....	....	24	24	....	3	....	8	340	....	1	8	65
14	Flandreau	Dellar, W. N.	1450	1450	250	....	96	96	24	24	48	48	1563	....	1	21	213
15	Flandreau Circuit	Arms, D. C.	....	84	....	....	....	10	....	3	....	4	101	....	1	8	90
16	Garretson	Rowden, W. S.	1350	1325	300	25	84	74	18	15	32	30	1444	40	2	15	125		
17	Gayville	Rice, H. E.	1400	1400	200	....	96	96	21	21	42	42	1559	....	2	22	250
18	Harrisburg	Jackson, O. P.	1050	960	100	90	72	67	18	16	33	30	1073	100	3	18	159		
19	Hartford	Graf, C. H.	1710	1710	260	....	116	116	25	25	55	55	1906	....	2	20	220
20	Howard	Darling, L. W.	1700	1700	300	....	100	100	24	24	42	42	1866	....	2	25	290
21	Hudson	Harmon, R. P.	894	894	144	....	60	60	15	15	....	5	974	....	2	19	110
22	Hurley	Slocum, W. P.	1400	1400	200	....	96	96	18	18	42	42	1556	....	1	16	216
23	Irene	Lowrie, S. B.	1000	1000	....	....	100	100	15	15	35	35	1150	....	1	16	162
24	Junius	Spitz, S. F.	920	920	120	....	64	64	14	14	28	28	1026	....	1	7	90
25	Lennox	Jackson, O. D.	497	388	147	109	28	28	6	6	12	12	434	109	1	9	119		
26	Madison	Brown, G. D.	1700	1700	300	....	112	112	28	28	49	49	1889	....	1	25	360
27	Montrose	McDonald, C. E.	1130	1130	180	....	50	50	16	16	30	30	1226	....	2	16	141
28	Richland	Waters, C. D.	400	336	....	64	....	....	....	....	....	....	336	64	2	15	85
29	Parker	Fanebust, Nels	1400	1400	200	....	96	96	24	24	42	42	1562	....	1	25	309
30	Salem	Ray, F. H.	1500	1500	300	....	88	88	22	22	38	38	1648	....	1	15	187
31	Scotland	Kaye, John	1180	1180	180	....	80	58	20	20	35	35	1293	22	1	16	144	
32	Sioux Falls—First	Allen, Eugene	3400	3400	600	....	224	224	50	50	120	120	3794	....	1	43	1058
33	East Side	Brown, S. E.	1300	1300	300	....	80	80	20	20	35	35	1435	....	1	21	200
34	Valley Springs	Rifenbark, O. M.	950	950	100	....	68	68	16	16	30	30	1064	....	3	25	151
35	Vermillion	Graves, W. N.	1740	1740	240	....	120	120	30	30	53	53	1943	....	1	30	350
36	Wakonda	McDonald, L. A.	1425	1425	225	....	96	96	24	24	42	42	1587	....	2	24	214
37	Yankton	Eberhart, H. P.	1600	1600	200	....	112	112	28	28	49	49	1789	....	1	27	350
Total			43931	44232	7026	288	2900	2833	681	678	1255	1270	48828	335	56	672	7661		

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Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Probationers		Full Members				Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.		
			Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preach's	Deaths During Year																
5	25	10	70	7	1	34	2	3000	1	1500	16500	1	1500	50	1708	5000	280	75	7	1				
.....	7	6	103	15	1	3	3	4500	1	2700	16500	1	1500	128	128	200	280	.....	.....	2		
7	14	4	300	17	1	2	1	10000	1	5000	10000	1	5000	3000	2525	475	267	267	.....	.....	3	
2	1	3	44	2	1	40	2	7000	1	1500	7000	1	1500	300	300	100	100	.....	.....	4		
3	7	8	60	4	1	1	1	2000	1	2000	2000	1	2000	220	220	122	122	.....	.....	5		
16	10	14	125	8	1	62	17	3500	1	1500	3500	1	1500	75	75	80	80	.....	.....	6		
.....	1	.....	63	6	1	25	.....	4000	1	1200	4000	1	1200	40	55	300	53	300	.....	.....	7
.....	1	.....	57	2	1	30	.....	3500	1	1400	3500	1	1400	275	200	75	110	.....	.....	8	
4	.....	4	100	10	3	20	.....	3500	1	2000	3500	1	2000	100	100	200	200	.....	.....	9	
3	17	18	176	13	2	42	.....	7000	1	1600	7000	1	1600	350	200	1200	280	280	.....	.....	10
7	2	4	73	2	1	23	.....	10000	1	2500	10000	1	2500	50	244	500	175	175	.....	.....	11
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3400	1	.....	3400	1	.....	.....	900	800	30	30	.....	.....	12
17	18	10	251	2	2	58	20	5000	1	2500	5000	1	2500	600	600	350	350	.....	.....	13		
.....	2	.....	32	2	1	19	.....	1000	1	.....	1000	1	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
3	9	4	31	5	.....	35	.....	5500	1	3000	5500	1	3000	75	300	600	150	150	.....	.....	15
10	1	20	150	14	2	50	.....	7500	1	2000	7500	1	2000	2600	.....	.....	250	250	.....	.....	16
.....	2	.....	71	5	.....	23	.....	4000	1	1000	4000	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	105	105	.....	.....	17
1	12	15	202	16	2	45	25	5800	1	3500	5800	1	3500	150	500	.....	250	250	.....	.....	18
14	8	55	138	11	1	35	.....	7200	1	3500	7200	1	3500	2000	850	.....	225	225	.....	.....	19
.....	5	3	75	2	.....	27	11	4000	1	1500	4000	1	1500	170	.....	.....	100	100	.....	.....	20
3	6	2	128	6	.....	45	40	6000	1	3500	6000	1	3500	3500	.....	.....	225	225	.....	.....	21
6	9	.....	38	.....	.....	20	.....	9000	1	.....	9000	1	.....	5876	.....	2600	193	193	.....	.....	22
.....	1	.....	28	2	.....	.....	.....	2500	1	1200	2500	1	1200	.....	.....	.....	100	100	.....	.....	23
1	2	2	36	1	.....	20	.....	3000	1	1500	3000	1	1500	283	.....	.....	76	76	.....	.....	24
.....	7	15	323	20	1	30	.....	30000	1	2500	30000	1	2500	500	.....	.....	950	950	.....	.....	25
.....	2	14	92	.....	2	51	.....	5000	1	2000	5000	1	2000	1500	.....	400	89	89	.....	.....	26
7	4	12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	2000	1	.....	2000	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25	.....	.....	27
33	14	30	213	15	4	50	.....	7000	1	2500	7000	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	295	295	.....	.....	28
.....	2	9	118	30	2	20	20	6000	1	4500	6000	1	4500	50	600	1639	350	350	.....	.....	29	
4	9	6	108	15	1	14	.....	4500	1	3000	4500	1	3000	.....	.....	.....	125	125	.....	.....	30
.....	12	25	800	58	1	90	25	83000	1	8000	83000	1	8000	30	8448	40483	1200	1200	.....	.....	31	
1	8	.....	102	7	2	1	.....	22000	1	3000	22000	1	3000	247	2761	9300	450	450	.....	.....	32
.....	.....	.....	65	4	.....	.....	.....	8200	1	800	8200	1	800	1265	.....	.....	159	159	.....	.....	33
11	30	20	344	50	2	60	35	12000	1	1000	12000	1	1000	400	.....	.....	600	600	.....	.....	34
4	.....	6	102	.....	3	30	.....	10000	1	3000	10000	1	3000	50	.....	.....	225	225	.....	.....	35
9	9	40	230	24	3	50	.....	12000	1	2500	12000	1	2500	600	.....	750	400	400	.....	.....	36
169	269	118	378	178	5016	373	18	47	1102	220	50	330100	33	80400	24499	19453	64122	8264	7	14			

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES										
		MISSIONS						EDUCATION			BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.			Board of Education			Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection		
1	Alcester	20			7			2	5		2	
2	Beresford	90			71			10	40	4	10	
3	Canistota	79		10	67		10	13	55	9	10	
4	Canton	125	56		121			16	85		16	
5	Centerville	15			15			7		10	5	
6	Chester	33			28			2	22		3	
7	Colman	52	1	18	48		12	10	44		8	
8	Colton	25			20			5	30		6	
9	Davis	12			15			1	5	4	1	
10	Dell Rapids	83	13		83			14	68		11	
11	Egan	90			65			12	31		7	
12	Elk Point	3		2	3		2	3	4	2	2	
13	Ellis	10			5			2	4		2	
14	Flandreau	169	22	30	115			20	60	13	19	
15	Garretson	68	6	10	40		6	4	18	5	7	
16	Gayville	90	109	6	80		6	15	58		12	
17	Harrisburg	18		2	18		2	6	20	7	5	
18	Hartford	100			100			17	73		13	
19	Howard	11			11			3	4	2	4	
20	Hudson	5		2	5					3		
21	Hurley	60			42				30	3	5	
22	Irene	10			13							
23	Junius	10		5	10		4	4	16	9	2	
24	Lennox	10			5			2			1	
25	Madison	105	15	9	80		9	10	50	7	13	
26	Montrose	40	5	11	33		11	9	19	3	6	
27	Richland	3										
28	Parker	109		20	90			15	70	4	8	
29	Salem	57		3	42		3	5	36		8	
30	Scotland	6			6				10		2	
31	Sioux Falls—East Side	5			5			3	3	7	2	
32	First	500	5	214	250	48	214	40	36	37	100	
33	Valley Springs	40	200		25			25		5	2	
34	Vermilion	130		15	115		15	10	32	13	4	
35	Wakonda	60		5	50		4	4	24	3		
36	Yankton	75	39	12	42		12	8	45		7	
37	Flandreau Circuit	4	12		4			2		6		
Total		2422	483	374	1729	48	310	299	997	156	303	

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued												OTHER BENEVOLENCES			List No.
Board of Conf. Claimants (Chicago)	Conference Cl'm'ts	Annual Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	American Bible Soc.	City Missionary or Church Ext. Society	Central Office Exp. Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	General Deaconess Board	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	
5			1	47			1				85	1		86	1
			1	97			1		1		330		176	507	2
			2	61			5		1		322	5	78	405	3
			4	213			2		2		640		325	965	4
			1				1				54	1	158	213	5
									1		88		27	115	6
			4	8			4		1		210	2	40	252	7
			1				1		2		90		65	155	8
			1				1				40			40	9
			3	126			3		2		406	1	55	462	10
			2	20			3				230		74	304	11
			2	4			1				23	1	14	43	12
			1								24			24	13
			4	220			7		4		683		98	781	14
			4	86			1		1		266	1	74	341	15
			3	2			6				387		322	709	16
			2				2		1		83		30	113	17
			3	101			6		3		416	1	85	502	18
				5			1				41	1	164	206	19
		5		39							59	1	61	121	20
			3	55			1		2		201	1	42	244	21
									1		24		14	38	22
			1					2			63	1	19	83	23
			1	7			1				27	1	5	33	24
			2	408		70					778		165	943	25
			3	1			2				143	1	91	235	26
											3		8	11	27
			3	269			5		2		595		166	761	28
			2	48			4		1		209		28	237	29
											24	1		25	30
			2	47			1				75	1	5	81	31
			10	1010		322	15			5	2811	5	188	3004	32
			1				2				300		98	398	33
			3	425		134	2				898	1	143	1042	34
			1	129			2				281	1		282	35
			2	116		120	2		2		480		13	493	36
			1				3				32		44	76	37
5	5	64	3544		646	86	2		31	5	11509	29	2875	14413	

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT											SUNDAY SCHOOLS			
			Support of Pastor				Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Min- isterial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments
			Total Cl'm In. House Rent	Total P'd Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1	Arlington	Tarleton, R. E.	1550	1550	350	....	108	108	24	24	54	54	1736	....	1	18	193
2	Aurora	Stoll, F. W.	600	600	....	....	54	54	12	12	21	21	687	....	1	11	120
3	Bradley	Allen, W. M.	1000	1000	150	....	76	76	17	17	30	30	1123	....	1	10	100
4	Blunt	Trodie, G. A.	960	870	100	90	77	69	17	15	30	27	981	103	2	15	100
5	Broadland	Spry, Earnest	750	750	150	....	54	54	8	8	14	14	826	....	1	9	69
6	Brookings	Bruce, R. A.	1700	1700	300	....	126	126	30	30	49	56	1912	....	1	43	593
7	Bruce	Freeman, O. M.	770	640	....	130	58	47	13	10	26	20	717	150	1	12	92
8	Burdette	Clark, H. D.	950	950	100	....	76	76	17	17	29	29	1072	....	2	15	120
9	Carpenter	Lee, Harry	950	1090	100	....	76	76	17	17	30	30	1213	....	3	15	130
10	Castlewood	Prosser, E. L.	540	540	120	....	48	48	19	19	11	11	618	....	1	8	95
11	Cavour & Pearl Creek	....	700	700	120	....	63	63	14	14	20	20	797	....	3	15	119
12	Chapelle Circuit	Mayer, Arthur	378	378	....	....	45	45	7	7	13	13	443	....	1	4	25
13	Clark	Butterfield, O. W.	1450	1450	250	....	108	108	24	24	42	42	1624	....	2	28	273
14	Clear Lake	Dennison, C. B.	780	780	180	....	54	54	12	12	21	21	867	....	1	12	189
15	Desmet	Williams, H. L.	720	1020	120	....	....	81	....	18	....	31	1150	....	1	8	70
16	Elkton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
17	Esmond	Mansveld, K. R.	800	800	180	....	72	72	16	16	28	28	916	....	2	26	276
18	Florence	Radcliffe, D. G.	975	830	....	145	90	43	17	6	30	9	888	224	1	7	37
19	Garden City	Minkler, R. G.	1350	1350	150	....	108	108	24	24	42	42	1524	....	1	21	225
20	Gary	Rawlinson, Fred	950	767	250	183	85	70	19	15	33	26	878	209	3	21	219
21	Hazel and Thomas	Ozanne, H. G.	1180	1180	180	....	90	90	20	20	35	40	1330	....	2	22	199
22	Henry	Machemer, E. O.	1200	1200	200	....	90	90	20	20	35	35	1345	....	2	22	157
23	Highmore	Hocking, A. E.	1000	1000	150	....	90	90	20	20	35	35	1145	....	2	15	180
24	Hitchcock	Marble, S. W.	1340	1340	240	....	99	99	22	22	38	38	1499	....	2	15	155
25	Huron	Buriff, A. E.	2080	2080	480	....	144	144	32	32	56	56	2312	....	1	28	505
26	Iroquois	Trevithick, T. H.	1150	1300	150	....	90	90	18	20	35	40	1450	....	2	20	200
27	Kampeska	Bohner, G. E.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
28	Lake Preston	Allen, H. C.	1180	1180	180	....	90	90	20	20	35	35	1325	....	1	15	131
29	Miller	Kearton, J. H.	1700	1700	350	....	121	121	26	26	47	47	1894	....	2	26	266
30	Oldham	Rader, Ralph	642	642	114	....	54	54	12	8	21	10	600	15	1	12	224
31	Okobojo	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
32	Pierre	Edwards, J. A.	2100	2100	500	....	126	126	28	28	49	49	2303	....	1	20	175
33	St. Lawrence	Quayle, G. H.	720	720	120	....	54	54	12	12	21	21	807	....	1	11	86
34	Trenton	Bruce, R. A.	300	300	....	....	27	27	5	5	11	12	344	....	1	12	137
35	Tulare	....	1000	1000	100	....	76	76	16	16	28	28	1120	....	1	14	164
36	Watertown	Lewis, F. F.	2400	2400	480	....	171	171	18	18	50	50	2639	....	1	40	640
37	Wessington	Cooney, E. B.	950	950	150	....	72	72	16	16	28	28	1066	....	2	15	140
38	White	Nickerson, M. E.	1200	1112	200	88	90	90	20	20	35	35	1251	88	1	8	148
39	Wolsey	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total			38015	37969	6264	636	2862	2862	612	658	1082	1083	42402	789	52	593	6552

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BAPTISMS			CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						EPWORTH LEAGUE	CHURCH PROPERTY										GEN. CONF. EXPENSES		
Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Probationers		Full Members				Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.
			Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preach's	Deaths During Year														
1	13	13	13	13	96	20	...	3	40	...	1	3500	1	5000	125	350	350	475	...	5	...	1
3	9	9	8	9	27	2	...	3	...	...	1	2500	...	...	72	...	...	100	...	1	...	2
...	4	...	...	1	12	2	...	...	...	...	2	5000	1	2000	100	...	...	100	...	...	3	3
...	1	...	2	2	49	...	...	1	16	...	2	8600	1	1400	41	550	1775	88	2	...	4	4
...	...	...	2	2	41	6	1	...	...	...	1	3000	1	1000	865	...	135	30	8	...	5	5
5	10	...	5	34	414	40	...	...	75	...	1	35000	1	6000	...	...	...	900	...	...	6	6
1	5	...	...	...	54	1	...	1	...	...	2	3000	1	1000	400	200	...	200	...	...	7	7
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8
4	10	...	...	2	102	12	...	...	61	...	3	5000	1	1200	13	163	...	300	...	2	...	9
6	1	...	7	10	44	9	...	1	...	24	1	2500	1	2000	...	...	...	50	2	2	...	10
...	...	...	...	...	61	...	...	...	...	...	3	5000	1	800	...	500	...	20	...	...	...	11
...	...	...	...	...	22	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	12
1	7	3	4	5	214	19	...	...	35	...	2	14000	1	2700	150	675	400	255	20	5	15	13
7	3	3	8	3	62	3	...	...	20	12	1	3000	1	2000	137	...	...	58	8	2	6	14
...	2	...	...	...	46	9	2	1	...	...	1	3000	1	1000	133	...	...	125	...	...	...	15
...	...	...	...	3	40	13	...	...	...	...	1	2700	1	1200	80	120	140	...	...	...	...	16
...	...	...	...	17	111	5	...	...	...	...	1	1500	1	1800	200	...	...	150	12	...	...	17
...	...	...	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	2	4000	...	...	100	...	...	75	6	2	4	18
5	9	...	5	...	147	21	...	3	25	...	1	7500	1	2000	30	...	...	150	...	...	...	19
...	...	...	...	...	148	37	...	1	20	...	3	6000	1	2500	107	...	...	120	...	...	...	20
...	...	...	...	17	156	4	...	...	...	...	2	4600	1	2000	106	...	...	173	...	2	...	21
6	12	...	3	1	128	29	...	2	...	...	2	7000	1	2000	3155	200	...	90	...	3	...	22
2	2	35	2	37	144	16	...	...	15	...	1	4000	1	1400	34	65	...	145	...	...	...	23
2	9	...	4	4	111	12	...	1	...	...	2	4000	1	2200	250	...	...	80	...	...	...	24
5	23	31	8	3	403	37	...	2	56	48	1	25000	1	5000	...	...	...	873	...	...	...	25
1	8	1	30	2	100	14	...	2	25	...	2	5500	1	1700	125	...	...	90	...	...	...	26
...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	1500	1	800	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
...	12	...	...	7	104	8	1	...	24	30	1	7000	1	2000	10	1200	...	150	9	2	...	28
4	6	...	6	...	170	20	...	...	26	1	...	3500	1	5000	80	800	600	160	...	...	...	29
1	2	1	...	1	36	2	...	2	12	1	...	4000	...	...	...	80	159	76	...	...	...	30
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
5	8	12	15	...	171	28	...	1	35	...	1	7000	2	14000	150	13000	15000	1200	...	...	...	32
...	...	...	...	...	59	...	1	...	15	...	1	4000	1	1000	200	...	250	130	...	2	...	33
...	3	...	3	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
...	19	...	3	10	104	12	...	...	38	20	1	6000	1	1000	115	...	550	185	...	2	...	35
10	24	...	56	60	645	54	...	2	50	...	1	90000	1	7000	20000	...	50000	1500	...	...	...	36
...	...	...	2	14	60	7	1	...	21	15	1	2000	1	2500	100	335	1200	...	2	2	...	37
...	1	...	...	...	111	19	...	1	...	...	1	3000	1	3000	...	...	...	160	...	1	...	38
...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	2000	1	2000	...	100	200	...	...	...	...	39
69	208	105	188	257	4354	461	6	27	609	151	48	294900	33	86200	26878	18438	70759	8208	69	47	25	

TREASURER'S REPORT—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES										
		MISSIONS						EDUCATION			BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.			Board of Education				
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
1	Arlington	30	.....	30	30	.....	30	10	50	7	.....	15
2	Aurora	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
3	Bradley	40	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	4	42	7	.....	3
4	Brookings	232	1034	106	188	.....	105	51	222	.....	.....	40
5	Blunt and Harrold	8	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	3	7	2	.....	2
6	Broadland	20	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	5	10	3	.....	.....
7	Bruce	45	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
8	Burdette and Carleton	44	609	6	38	.....	6	8	32	5	.....	6
9	Castlewood .....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	3	.....	2
10	Carpenter	10	.....	5	10	.....	5	3	10	5	.....	5
11	Cavour and Pearl Creek	4	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
12	Chappell Circuit	12	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	2	10	4	.....	1
13	Clark	57	40	108	156	.....	.....	27	113	24	.....	21
14	Clear Lake .....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	10	2	11	4	.....	3
15	DeSmet	30	.....	6	31	.....	.....	5	23	10	.....	4
16	Elkton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Esmond .....	.....	.....	23	11	.....	.....	.....	3	6	.....	6
18	Florence	38	.....	.....	33	.....	.....	2	2	1	.....	2
19	Garden City	120	20	.....	104	.....	.....	18	75	9	.....	14
20	Gary	30	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	4	20	7	.....	4
21	Hazel and Thomas	110	.....	4	92	.....	4	17	69	22	.....	13
22	Henry	55	.....	25	69	.....	.....	12	46	9	.....	8
23	Highmore	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	5	12	5	.....	4
24	Hitchcock	62	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	12	20	.....	.....	4
25	Huron	115	75	15	75	30	15	5	30	10	.....	9
26	Iroquois	57	58	11	49	.....	11	10	43	2	.....	8
27	Kampeska .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Lake Preston	23	15	20	42	.....	.....	5	8	7	.....	5
29	Miller	17	.....	3	17	.....	3	2	23	3	.....	2
30	Oldham .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
31	Okobojo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Pierre	75	25	25	75	.....	10	15	95	8	.....	19
33	St. Lawrence	25	.....	3	15	.....	3	1	4	.....	.....	2
34	Tulare	48	24	22	60	26	.....	10	43	.....	.....	8
35	Trenton	12	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	2	7	4	.....	2
36	Watertown	50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	10	20	10	.....	10
37	White	53	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	2	20	.....	.....	1
38	Wessington	41	35	6	28	5
39	Wolsey
Total		1477	1900	434	1376	56	209	258	1112	170	229

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued												OTHER BENEVOLENCES			List No.
Board of Conf. Claimants (Chicago)	Conference Cl'm'ts	Annual Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	American Bible Soc.	City Missionary or Church Ext. Society	Central Office Exp. Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	General Deaconess Board	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	
4	2	151					2				361		68	429	1
	1						1				12		6	18	2
	2						2				129		17	147	3
	9	601				245	19				2855	1	165	3021	4
											33		37	70	5
	1						2				58		6	64	6
											65			65	7
	1						3				758		21	779	8
											19		28	47	9
	3						2				65	3	40	108	10
											10	1		11	11
	1						1				41	1		41	12
	5	232					10				793	1	71	865	13
	1						1				48		44	92	14
	1						2				112		23	135	15
															16
2		145									196		408	604	17
	1						1				80	1	113	194	18
	3	135					7				506	1	92	599	19
	2						2				96	2	39	137	20
	3	91					6				529	1	352	882	21
	2	117					6				349	1	75	425	22
	1	5					4				57	1	25	83	23
	2	163					5				316	3	37	356	24
5		167					5				563	1	49	613	25
	2						4				256	1	89	346	26
															27
	3						2				131	1	54	186	28
	27	20					1				120	1		121	29
											3	1	140	144	30
															31
	3	99					5				454		39	493	32
	1	23					1				79		110	189	33
	2						4				247			247	34
	1	70					1				108			108	35
	10	473					4				637		161	798	36
5	2	36					1				340	9	103	452	37
	1	19					2	8			145		34	179	38
															39
16	29	106	2710	6	343	106	8	16			10571	31	2446	13043	

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—RECAPITULATION

List No.	NAME OF DISTRICT	NAME OF SUPERINTEND- ENT	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT														SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
			Support of Pastor				Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Min- isterial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments		
			Total Cl'm In. House Rent	Total P'd Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid							
1	Aberdeen	Bunt, P. O.	40865	40239	5421	506	3120	3094	672	662	1187	1175	44841	559	59	624	6633		
2	Mitchell	Shepherd, W. S. .	36833	35742	4632	541	2474	2396	521	454	1038	964	39748	611	57	674	6345		
3	Rapid City	Matteson, C. E. .	18469	17545	2406	383	1113	1146	179	190	368	373	19360	477	47	355	2873		
4	Sioux Falls	Rosenberry, G.W.	43931	44232	7026	288	2900	2883	681	678	1255	1270	48828	335	56	672	7661		
5	Watertown	Boyce, O. E.	38015	37969	6264	636	2862	2862	612	658	1082	1083	42402	789	52	593	6552		
	Total		178163	175727	25849	2354	12469	12381	2665	2642	4930	4865	195179	2771	271	2918	30064		

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BAPTISMS			CHURCH MEMBERSHIP								EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY										GEN. CONF. EXPENSES		
Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Probationers		Full Members						Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Appportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.	
			Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preach's	Deaths During Year																	
111	182	131	183	81	3867	245	6	33	679	269	52	302550	32	63950	18766	8171	18207	8102	64	27	.....	1		
189	175	121	262	261	4654	393	16	27	651	245	47	266700	26	59200	5198	11853	27681	7816	.....	9	.....	2	
57	92	55	227	125	1776	206	12	9	470	141	38	99200	19	30270	3513	2035	8939	2571	12	15	.....	3		
169	269	118	378	178	5016	373	18	47	1102	220	50	330100	33	80400	24499	19453	64122	8264	7	14	.....	4		
69	208	105	188	257	4354	461	6	27	609	151	48	357900	33	86200	26878	18438	70759	8208	69	47	.....	5		
595	926	530	1238	902	19667	1678	58	148	3511	1026	235	1356450	143	320020	78854	59950	189708	34961	152	112	32				

TREASURER'S REPORT—RECAPITULATION

List No.	NAME OF DISTRICT	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES											
		MISSIONS						EDUCATION				BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.			Board of Education			Conf. Educational Collection	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund				
1	Aberdeen	1774	461	347	1785	.....	328	331	909	143	558	185	109
2	Mitchell	1807	970	250	1304	.....	225	251	1625	131	.....	187	.....
3	Rapid City	377	17	68	220	.....	35	63	60	34	106	28	31
4	Sioux Falls	2422	483	374	1729	48	310	299	997	156	.....	303	.....
5	Watertown	1477	1900	434	1376	56	209	258	1112	170	.....	229	.....
	Total	7857	3831	1473	6414	104	1107	1202	4803	636	664	932	140
	Last Year	7205	2120	1317	5726	145	1014	1084	5985	710	593	334
	Increase	652	1911	96	688	93	118	339
	Decrease	41	192	74	194

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued											OTHER BENEVOLENCES			List No.
Board of Conf. Claimants (Chicago)	Conference Cl'm'nts	Annual Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	American Bible Soc.	City Missionary or Church Ext. Society	Central Office Exp. Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	General Deaconess Board	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences
6	.....	73	2359	25	435	119	.....	23	.....	9962	34	2184	12180	1
26	11	69	2347	8	733	80	302	17	.....	10348	28	2448	12834	2
9	20	19	495	7	476	18	.....	16	.....	2100	10	2955	5065	3
5	5	64	3544	.....	646	86	2	31	.....	11509	29	2875	14413	4
16	29	106	2710	6	343	106	8	16	.....	10571	31	2446	13048	5
62	65	331	11555	46	2633	409	312	103	11	44490	132	12908	57540	
89	10	276	10237	.....	2024	354	608	120	10	39574	.....	9464	51559	
.....	55	55	1318	46	609	55	.....	.....	1	4916	132	3444	5981	
27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	296	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—ABERDEEN DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS													COLLECTIONS FOR B. OF S. S.		
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Ofcrs & Tchrs.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Off'rs. & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering		
1 Aberdeen	1	48	580	85	100	813	389	47	45	564	...	...	...	15		
2 Agar	3	27	125	...	10	152	75	15	65	...	...	...	1	1		
3 Andover	1	7	126	...	20	146	92	6	54	67	...	...	...	10		
4 Ashton	1	9	73	...	15	97	45	8	30	45	...	...	...	...
5 Bath and Putney	2	16	79	...	31	126	60	12	30	6	48	7	...	1		
6 Big Stone	1	12	140	...	20	172	86	12	...	17	72	12	3	...		
7 Bowdle	1	4	30	...	...	34	20	4	6	4	12	...	...	...
8 Bristol	2	14	75	...	...	94	65	10	20	...	30	1	...	...
9 Britton	2	22	205	...	70	297	117	19	75	...	150	3	...	10		
10 Claremont	1	23	104	21	23	181	54	23	35	5	98	1	5	1		
11 Conde	2	19	142	21	17	180	37	19	100	10	70	10	...	...
12 Corona	2	21	125	...	18	164	80	17	74	35	78	...	4	3		
13 Cresbard	2	20	120	...	27	167	70	15	55	...	65	8	...	2		
14 Cheney .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15 De Voe	2	18	72	...	...	90	30	18	...	3	45	1	...	...
16 Doland	2	21	167	...	32	220	130	21	...	...	152	13	...	...
17 Frankfort	2	15	140	...	30	185	75	12	...	10	60	...	7	...		
18 Frederick	1	13	100	...	50	163	90	...	...	1	82	1	2	1		
19 Faulkton and Orient	2	26	185	...	37	248	121	23	67	...	229	12	...	...
20 Groton	1	18	147	...	35	200	150	18	65	4	150	8	...	...
21 Gettysburg	1	20	185	...	17	222	88	19	12	12	100	...	1	...		
22 Hecla	2	18	120	...	22	160	101	18	60	...	110	...	2	3		
23 Langford	1	14	174	...	28	216	60	12	51	3	111	...	...	1		
24 Leola	1	5	56	...	...	61	37	2	...	...	88	...	...	...
25 Mellette	1	13	90	...	18	121	60	8	...	...	80	...	8	...		
26 Milbank	1	19	156	...	25	200	90	18	100	8	86	15	...	5		
27 Northville	1	12	60	...	...	72	50	12	...	...	52	8	...	...
28 Redfield	1	20	243	...	40	303	164	18	105	65	197	10	6	...		
29 Rockham	2	17	128	...	16	161	80	5	20	5	17	...	8	1		
30 Seneca	1	9	91	...	36	136	65	7	20	...	33	...	...	...
31 Selby	1	21	130	15	43	209	103	21	68	22	160	...	...	...
32 Sisseton	2	32	270	...	13	315	220	32	...	5	160	5	...	...
33 Summit	2	10	125	...	...	135	80	6	9	5	48	2	...	...
34 Timber Lake	3	4	76	...	...	80	39	2	...	...	34	...	1	...		
35 Waubay	1	8	66	20	12	106	40	5	20	22	30	...	...	...
36 Webster	2	22	128	...	12	162	90	...	50	...	50	10	...	...
37 Westport	1	7	44	...	2	53	25	6	10	...	38	...	4	...		
38 White Rock	2	20	174	...	7	201	130	19	54	...	65	6	2	2		
Total	57	624	5051	162	826	6636	3307	509	1190	292	3541	134	57	56		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—MITCHELL DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS													
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts., Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Ofcs & Tchrs.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Offic's. & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	COLLECTIONS FOR B. O. F. S.		
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1 Alexandria	2	32	200	20	30	250	155	30	110	17	140	13	2
2 Alpena	2	24	210	15	249	120	24	175	2	70	7
3 Armour	1	11	75	.....	.....	90	50	11	25	8	50	.....	.....	.....
4 Artesian	2	20	225	.....	25	250	130	20	.....	15	100	2	.....	2
5 Bridgewater	1	7	71	.....	14	92	35	4	5	.....	29	.....	.....	.....
6 Chamberlain	1	15	121	.....	17	138	70	13	55	4	112	8	.....	.....
7 Colome	3	13	164	.....	.....	167	94	10	.....	43	43	2	.....	.....
8 Dallas	2	12	111	.....	9	132	75	12	41	6	75	.....	.....	.....
9 Dudley	1	8	49	.....	.....	58	35	6	10	.....	30	.....	.....	.....
10 Ethan	2	10	110	.....	.....	120	.....	10	54	.....	86	.....	.....	.....
11 Farmer	2	13	80	.....	.....	93	60	10	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	.....
12 Fulton	1	9	99	.....	6	105	67	7	.....	3	.....	4	.....	1
13 Geddes	2	21	116	18	22	156	130	18	140	4	.....	.....	4	3
14 Gregory	3	37	250	.....	.....	250	130	25	100	12	50	2	.....	.....
15 Herrick and St. Charles .....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	30	8	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....
16 Hamill and Iona .....	.....	.....	76	12	4	108	53	15	38	3	45	2	.....	1
17 Kimball	2	16	150	.....	.....	190	100	.....	.....	7	80	2	.....	.....
18 Lakeview	2	22	124	.....	14	160	90	18	82	.....	94	.....	.....	.....
19 Lane .....	.....	8	35	.....	.....	45	25	3	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....
20 Letcher	1	80	1315	105	100	1600	850	.....	300	40	1000	15	15	5
21 Mitchell	2	21	254	6	40	300	105	19	30	10	70	.....	2	1
22 Mount Vernon	1	18	182	.....	50	250	100	18	50	5	80	6	.....	1
23 Plankinton	2	22	150	.....	.....	150	92	21	.....	30	90	.....	10	1
24 Platte and Dunlap	2	14	90	.....	37	141	70	9	.....	103	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 Roswell and Rock Creek	1	10	65	.....	15	90	45	10	35	3	55	.....	.....	1
26 Springfield .....	.....	40	.....	.....	40	234	111	18	.....	.....	116	10	.....	.....
27 Tripp	1	24	170	.....	30	200	135	19	40	28	75	2	.....	.....
28 Tyndall	1	10	93	.....	13	116	60	5	15	.....	58	3	.....	.....
29 Virgil	3	21	137	.....	20	178	92	16	50	.....	90	.....	.....	2
30 Wagner and Ravinia	2	35	355	.....	69	425	230	33	.....	.....	340	.....	39	8
31 Wessington Springs and Viola	1	18	.....	.....	.....	150	65	18	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1
32 Woonsocket	3	16	153	10	12	191	125	12	55	20	125	.....	7	2
33 White Lake	1	12	.....	11	72	.....	55	10	.....	16	67	.....	3	.....
34 Winner .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	55	759	5270	182	654	6679	3584	452	1470	233	3330	76	86	31

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—RAPID CITY DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS														
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Ofcs & Tchrs.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Offic's. & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	COLLECTIONS FOR B. OF S. S.			
												Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering	
1 Belle Fourche	1	12	96			108	62	7	23	3	60		3		
2 Caputa	2	12				90	70	10		1	13				
3 Custer	2	13	105			118	68	9	25		55	2			
4 Deadwood and Central City	2	15	207			222	148	11	33	19	215	2		2	
5 Draper	3	15	150				100	6			38	2			
6 Edgemont	1	11	73		22	106	54	9	12		52				
7 Harding	2	7	37			44	32	3	8		30				
8 Hot Springs	2	25	165		26	190	112	25	132	15	110	2	5		
9 Kennebec	3	24	160		20	180	90	21	70	11	240		5	1	
10 Lead	2	27	253		48	308	175	24		60		1			
11 Midland and Hayes	4	22	120		10	130	95	18	31	4	60				
12 Murdo and Okaton	3	30	200		25	225	125	20		5	50	5			
13 Newell	1	12	68			80	40	10	16		25				
14 Nowlin	1	3	20			20		1	2	4	6			1	
15 Oelrichs	1	10	47			47	31	3	12		25		5		
16 Oral	1	7	50		10	60	35	3							
17 Phillip and Quinn	1	5	35		5	45	25			3	20				
18 Piedmont	1	5	60		10	70	27	5	8	15					
19 Plainview	2	11			14	90	60	11		1	35				
20 Presho and Vivian	2	20	120				90	15			50				
21 Rapid City	1	14	160			160	112	13		6	135	2	2	2	
22 Reliance	1	7	40			47	25	4		2	7				
23 Spearfish	2	19	120		11	150	86	8	17	10	110	6		1	
24 Sturgis	2	12	80			80	60	10					1		
25 Terry	1	5	64		20	89	38					2	1	1	
26 Wall and Wasta	2	9	52			61	30	5			30	1			
Total	47	352	2482		221	2720	1790	251	389	159	1366	25	22	8	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS													COLLECTIONS FOR B. OF S. S.		
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts., Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Offers & Tchrs.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Off'rs. & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering		
1 Alcester	2	12	60	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Beresford	1	20	154	20	28	202	101	20	12	16	175	10	...	...	...	...
3 Canistota	2	16	104	...	20	140	80	16	...	6	71	...	...	...	10	...
4 Canton	1	20	349	16	35	400	182	20	...	20	260	16	...	...	...	...
5 Centerville	2	11	100	...	...	100	60	...	...	6	85	...	...	...	...	...
6 Chester	1	10	93	...	...	103	48	8	42	7	44	...	...	...	...	...
7 Colman	2	23	152	...	...	175	107	23	80	50	58	...	...	...	3	...
8 Colton	1	12	76	...	9	87	35	9	...	...	56	6	...	...	...	...
9 Davis	2	19	140	...	10	150	75	19	...	...	50	1	...	...	...	...
10 Dell Rapids	1	20	160	...	30	210	110	15	50	3	115	...	...	...	...	...
11 Egan	1	18	154	...	54	226	123	17	90	6	117	7	...	...	...	...
12 Elk Point	1	15	106	...	60	181	56	14	15	6	45	1	...	...	...	...
13 Ellis	1	8	65	...	...	65	50	8	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
14 Flandreau	1	21	193	...	20	213	137	20	159	25	213	16	...	...	3	...
15 Flandreau Circuit	1	8	90	...	...	90	35	8	20	...	39	...	...	...	...	...
16 Garretson	2	15	105	5	15	125	68	...	...	4	161	3	2	2	...	...
17 Gayville	2	22	195	...	55	250	95	21	90	18	100	11	...	1	...	...
18 Harrisburg	3	18	115	...	26	159	80	14	...	...	100	3	1	1	...	...
19 Hartford	2	20	220	...	...	220	145	20	...	...	125	13	...	...	...	...
20 Howard	2	25	270	...	20	290	141	23	...	35	100	2	1	1	...	...
21 Hudson	2	19	70	...	20	110	70	16	...	7	100	...	...	...	...	...
22 Hurley	1	16	160	5	35	216	125	16	120	6	100	...	5	...	...	...
23 Irene	1	16	105	...	41	162	85	14	18	1	80	1	...	...	...	...
24 Junius	1	7	65	...	18	90	44	6	17	...	32	1	...	1	...	...
25 Lennox	1	9	80	...	30	119	60	5	...	...	66	1	...	...	...	...
26 Madison	1	25	...	54	26	360	195	25	190	15	190	18	...	2	...	...
27 Montrose	2	16	141	...	7	148	83	14	90	...	60	13	...	3	...	...
28 Richland	1	15	85	...	...	85	85	13	...	40	30	...	...	...	...	...
29 Parker	1	25	219	7	58	309	100	24	143	30	115	...	4	...	...	...
30 Salem	1	15	152	...	20	187	80	15	...	8	200	5	2	1	...	...
31 Scotland	1	16	144	...	25	169	74	16	...	...	42	2	...	...	...	...
32 Sioux Falls—First	1	43	812	16	187	1058	425	...	...	...	...	...	53	47	...	...
33 East Side	1	21	182	...	18	200	125	21	...	...	125	...	...	...	...	...
34 Valley Springs	3	23	102	...	26	151	85	20	...	...	75	...	...	...	...	...
35 Vermilion	1	30	270	25	25	350	170	29	225	41	150	...	...	4	...	...
36 Wakonda	2	24	175	...	15	214	100	20	90	6	75	...	...	...	...	...
37 Yankton	1	27	300	...	50	377	175	24	...	25	150	...	5	2	...	...
Total	53	690	5983	148	983	7661	3809	553	1451	381	3504	127	73	81

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

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1 Arlington	1	18	150	...	25	193	106	18	78	13	95	...	15	...
2 Aurora	1	11	109	120	66	7	27	17	45	1
3 Bradley	1	10	78	...	12	100	45	10	40	...	42	...	2	...
4 Blunt	2	15	78	...	7	100	59	10	22	4	36	2
5 Broadland	1	9	60	69	45	9	18	10	24
6 Brookings	1	43	500	...	50	593	290	43	300	25	300	17	...	23
7 Bruce	1	12	80	92	50	6	...	3	50
8 Burdette	2	15	105	120	65	12	40	12	40	4	2	...
9 Carpenter	3	15	90	...	40	130	60	12	65	10	110	...	5	...
10 Castlewood	1	8	50	18	19	95	35	6	2
11 Cavour and Pearl Creek	3	15	104	119	75	14	10	...	50
12 Chapelle Circuit	1	4	21	25	21	2	2	1
13 Clark	2	28	198	18	29	273	138	23	104	21
14 Clear Lake	1	12	143	8	26	189	54	9	50	7	40	3
15 Desmet	1	8	62	70	35	7	39	3	...	1
16 Elkton
17 Esmond	2	26	230	...	20	276	60	26	200	...	150	4	...	2
18 Florence	1	7	30	37	20	4	2
19 Garden City	1	21	162	...	42	225	99	20	62	...	160	3	10	1
20 Gary	3	21	163	5	30	219	100	21	96	...	80	4
21 Hazel and Thomas	2	22	146	...	31	199	81	22	83	2	120	12	...	1
22 Henry	2	22	115	...	20	157	98	22	86	6	...	2
23 Highmore	2	15	140	...	25	180	89	14	50	...	36	...	4	...
24 Hitchcock	2	15	140	155	115	10	60	...	50	4
25 Huron	1	28	330	20	127	505	203	28	178	8	162	4
26 Iroquois	2	20	175	5	...	200	135	20	60	5	80	5	...	3
27 Kampeska
28 Lake Preston	1	15	89	...	27	131	50	13	80	...	68	5
29 Miller	2	26	220	...	20	266	150	26	...	6	100	...	2	...
30 Oldham	1	12	196	...	16	224	60	8	34	6	24
31 Okobojo
32 Pierre	1	20	155	175	115	20	40	17	75	15	...	4
33 St. Lawrence	1	11	75	86	60	11	25	...	40	1	...	1
34 Trenton	1	12	100	...	25	137	70	10	30	1	52	2
35 Tulare	1	14	135	...	15	164	100	10	6	2
36 Watertown	1	40	600	640	276	...	40	56	500
37 Wessington	2	15	125	140	90	10	5
38 White	1	8	100	...	40	148	70	7	40	...	160	1	...	1
39 Wolsey
Total	52	593	5254	74	646	6562	2785	490	1730	202	2918	103	40	71

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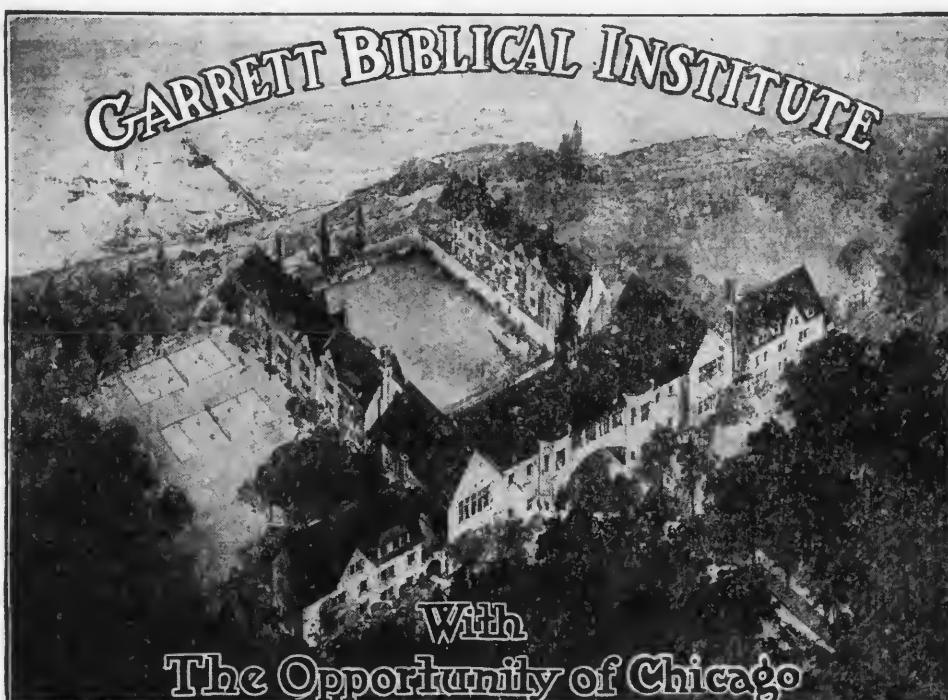
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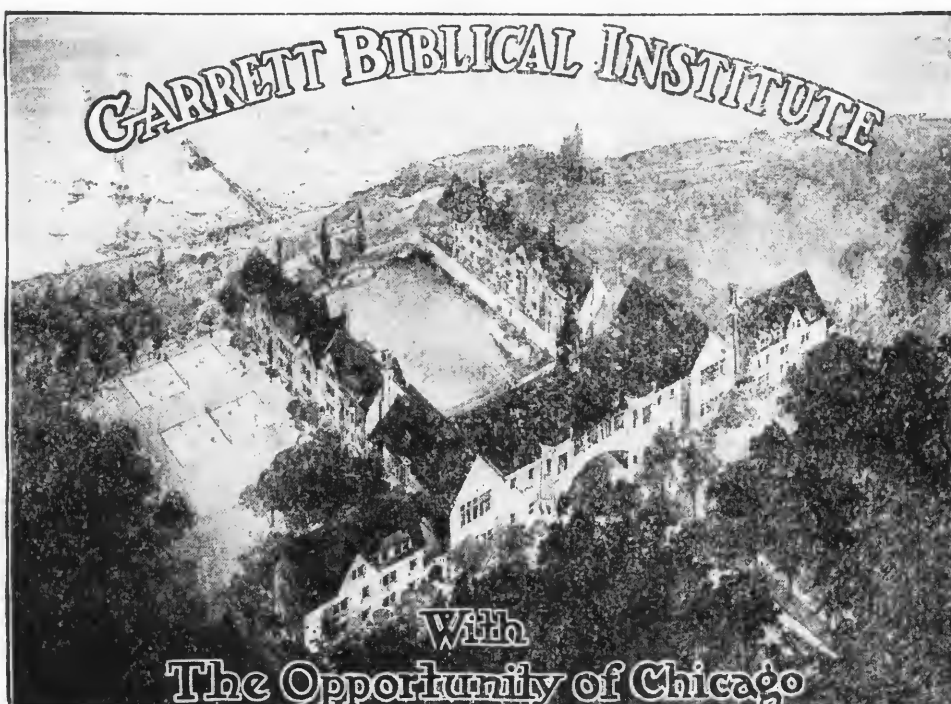
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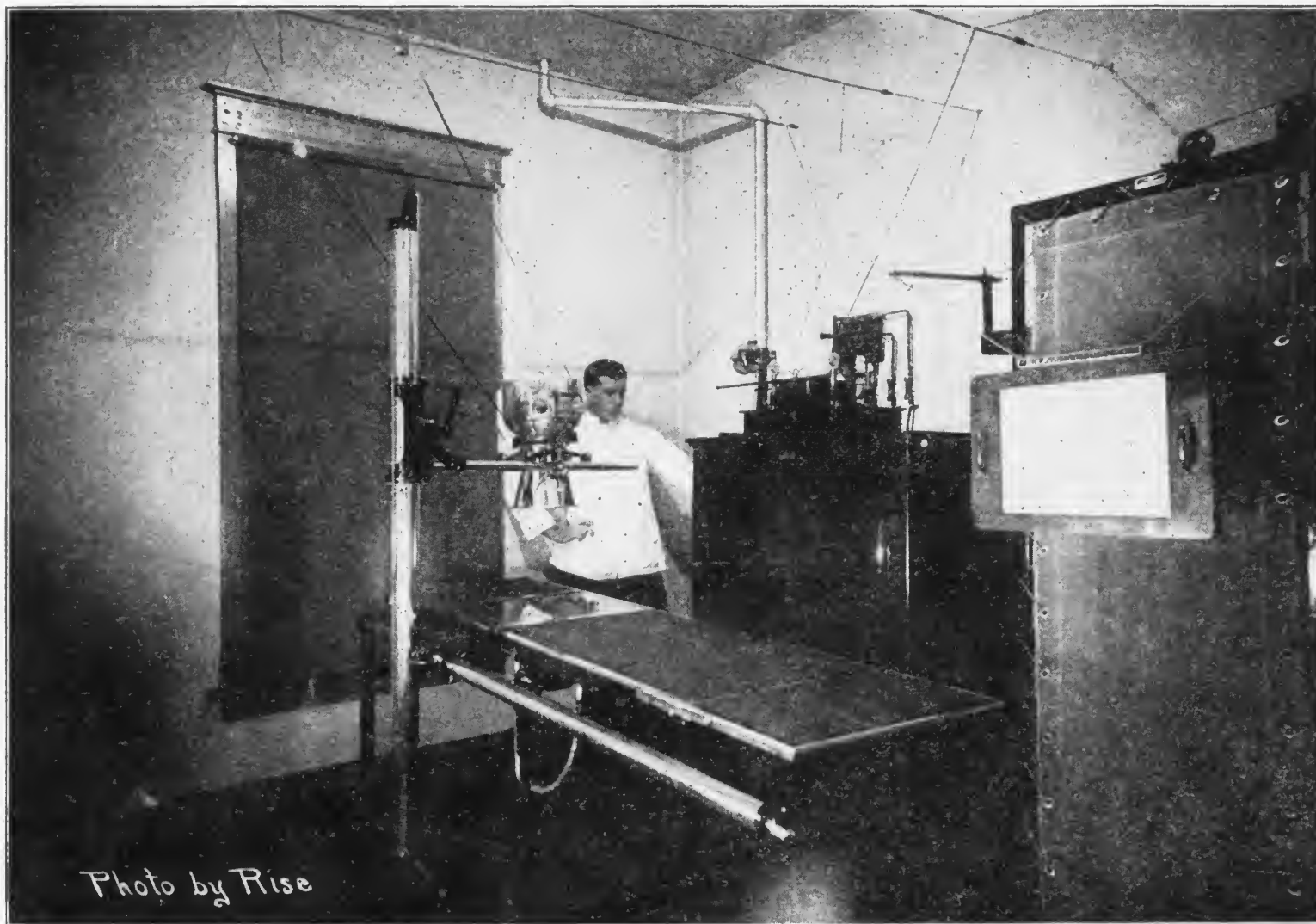


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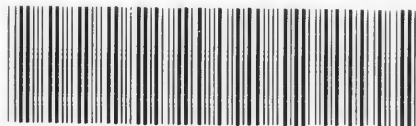
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